



## Validity of Obama health care law at issue in appeal hearing

By KEVIN MCGILL and REBECCA SANTANA

Associated Press

**NEW ORLEANS (AP)** — With health insurance availability for millions of Americans on the line, supporters of President Barack Obama's signature health care law asked a federal appeals court Tuesday to conclude that the law is still valid even though Congress eliminated a tax it imposed on people who don't buy insurance.

The arguments presented before a three-judge panel of the 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals marked the latest development in a 2018 lawsuit that claims the absence of a tax converts the law into an unconstitution-

al directive to U.S. citizens to buy a product.

It was unclear when the three-judge panel would rule. In December, a Texas-based federal judge agreed with the lawsuit, filed by a coalition of 18 Republican-leaning states with some backing from the Trump administration. The appeal in front of the circuit court in New Orleans was filed by a California-led group of 20 Democratic-leading states and the House of Representatives, whose attorneys faced intense and seemingly skeptical questions from two of the panel's judges Tuesday.

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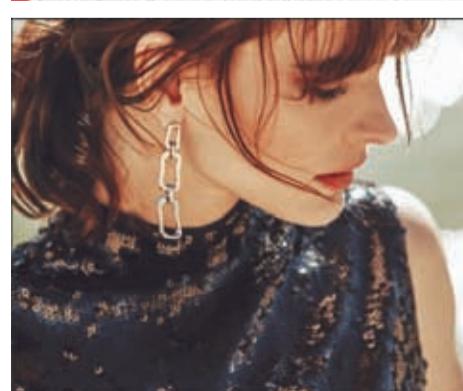
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## Court to Trump: Blocking Twitter critics is unconstitutional

By LARRY NEUMEISTER

Associated Press

**NEW YORK (AP)** — President Donald Trump lost a major Twitter fight Tuesday when a federal appeals court said that his daily musings and pronouncements were overwhelmingly official in nature and that he violated the First Amendment whenever he blocked a critic to silence a viewpoint.

The effect of the 2nd U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals decision is likely to reverberate throughout politics after the Manhattan court warned that any elected official using a social media account "for all manner of official purposes" and then excluding critics violates free speech.

"The government is not permitted to 'amplify' favored speech by banning or burdening viewpoints with which it disagrees," the appeals court said. Because it involved Trump, the ruling is getting more attention than a January decision by the 4th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals that found a Virginia politician violated the First Amend-



This July 8, 2019, file photo shows, President Donald Trump speaking during an event about the environment in the East Room of the White House, in Washington.

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ment rights of one of her constituents by blocking him from a Facebook page.

Still, the appeals court in New York acknowledged, not every social media account operated by a public official is a government account, and First Amendment violations must be considered on a case-by-

case basis.

"The irony in all of this is that we write at a time in the history of this nation when the conduct of our government and its officials is subject to wide-open, robust debate," Circuit Judge Barrington D. Parker wrote on behalf of a three-judge panel.

The debate generates a "level of passion and intensity the likes of which have rarely been seen," the court's decision read.

"This debate, as uncomfortable and as unpleasant as it frequently may be, is nonetheless a good thing," the 2nd Circuit added. "In resolving this appeal, we remind the litigants and the public that if the First Amendment means anything, it means that the best response to disfavored speech on matters of public concern is more speech, not less."

The Department of Justice is disappointed by the ruling and is exploring possible next steps, agency spokesperson Kelly Laco said.

Appeal options include asking the panel to reconsider, or seeking a reversal from the full 2nd Circuit or from the U.S. Supreme Court.

The decision came in a case brought by the Knight First Amendment Institute at Columbia University. It had sued on behalf of seven in-

before he became president and he acted in a private capacity by blocking individuals.

The three-judge panel concluded the official nature of Trump's account "was overwhelming," even though it was created in 2009. It cautioned it was not deciding whether an elected official violates the Constitution by excluding individuals from a "wholly private social media account."

"We also conclude that once the President has chosen a platform and opened up its interactive space to millions of users and participants, he may not selectively exclude those whose views he disagrees with," the judges said.

They noted that Trump had used Twitter to announce his nomination of an FBI director, to announce a ban on transgender individuals serving in the military, to announce the firing of his chief of staff, and about his decision to sell sophisticated military hardware to Japan and South Korea.

The 2nd Circuit said it didn't matter that blocked individuals could still engage in dialogue through "workarounds," such as logging out to view Trump's tweets or searching for tweets by other users about the president to engage in conversations.

The ruling upheld a decision last year by U.S. District Judge Naomi Reice Buchwald, who did not order Trump to unblock users but said people have a right to reply directly to politicians who use their accounts as public forums to conduct official business.

Trump has been a social media pioneer among politicians, earning daily headlines from tweets.

His Twitter account, @realDonaldTrump, has over 60 million followers and has become a must-read forum for world leaders, critics and fans, who witness Trump boasting of accomplishments, belittling opponents and blasting critical media coverage as "fake news." □

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## U.S. proceeding with plan for coalition to deter Iran threats



In this May 1, 2019, file photo, Joint Chiefs of Staff Chairman Gen. Joseph Dunford testifies during a House Appropriations subcommittee on budget hearing on Capitol Hill in Washington.

Associated Press

By ROBERT BURNS

AP National Security Writer

FORT MYER, Virginia (AP) —

The United States will move ahead with plans to build a coalition of nations to monitor and deter Iranian threats against commercial shipping in the Persian Gulf area and in a heavily trafficked waterway between the Arabian Peninsula and the Horn of Africa, the chairman of the U.S. Joint Chiefs of Staff said Tuesday.

Marine Gen. Joseph Dunford said the Pentagon has developed a specific plan, and that he believes it will be clear within a couple of weeks which nations are willing to join the effort.

Mark Esper, the acting secretary of defense, raised the issue last month with allied officials at NATO headquarters, but no nations were ready to commit to participating.

Esper said at the time that

the plans would have to be further refined.

Dunford said he discussed the matter Tuesday with Esper and Secretary of State Mike Pompeo, and that plans are coming together. "We're getting ready now to move out," Dunford told a small group of reporters at Fort Myer, Virginia.

"We have a pretty clear concept of what we want to do."

He suggested that the project could begin with a small coalition.

"This will be scalable. So, with a small number of contributors we can have a small mission and we'll expand that as the number of nations that are willing to participate identify themselves," he said.

He said the U.S. military's main role would be to provide "maritime domain awareness" - intelligence and surveillance information - to the ships of coali-

tion partners that would conduct patrols in vulnerable waterways like the Strait of Hormuz, which separates the Persian Gulf from the Gulf of Oman, as well as the Bab el Mandeb, a heavily trafficked strait be-

tween Yemen on the Arabian Peninsula and Djibouti and Eritrea in the Horn of Africa.

Any escorting of commercial ships would be done by military ships sailing under the flag of the com-

mercial vessel, he said. The initiative was triggered last month by Trump administration concerns that Iran was behind recent attacks on commercial ships in the Persian Gulf region. □

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In this March 23, 2010, file photo, President Barack Obama signs the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act in the East Room of the White House in Washington.

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Judge Jennifer Walker Elrod remarked that the law's mandate that people buy insurance appeared intact, and Judge Kurt Engelhardt seemed to agree. Engelhardt also pointedly suggested that the question of whether each piece of the law should survive shouldn't be

answered by the judiciary but by Congress.

"This is a political solution that you ... are asking the court to roll up its sleeves and get involved in," he said. But Douglas Letter, an attorney for the U.S. House of Representatives, argued that the elimination of the tax penalty doesn't undermine the law's constitutionality. And he said determining which parts of a law can be salvaged and which must be removed is clearly a task for the courts, established by Supreme Court precedent.

The ultimate outcome will affect protections for people with pre-existing conditions, Medicaid expansions covering roughly 12 million people, and subsidies that help about 10 million others afford health insurance.

The lawsuit, spearheaded by the Texas Attorney General's Office, was filed after Congress, in 2017, zeroed out a tax the Affordable Care Act imposed on those without insurance. Republicans had tried, but failed to win full repeal of "Obamacare," as President Donald Trump had wanted. Obama signed the health care act into law in 2010.

In challenging the law anew, "Obamacare" opponents cited the U.S. Supreme Court's 2012 ruling upholding the legislation. In that ruling, conservative justices rejected the argument that Congress could require everyone to buy insurance under the Constitution's interstate commerce clause. But Chief Justice John Roberts, joining four liberal justices, said Congress did have the power to impose the tax. Among the arguments by the law's supporters: Those

who filed suit have no case because they aren't harmed by a penalty that doesn't exist; the reduction of the tax penalty to zero could be read as a suspension of the tax, but the tax's legal structure still exists; and if the individual mandate is now unconstitutional, that does not affect the rest of the law.

When the law was proposed, friends and foes of "Obamacare" agreed that the tax was essential to persuade healthy people to get insured, thereby keeping premiums in check. But this year — the first time no fines will be collected — the number of people signing up for subsidized private insurance through the Affordable Care Act slipped only slightly.

The government said in March that a total of 11.4 million people signed up during open enrollment season, a dip of about 300,000 from last year.

5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals Judge Carolyn Dineen King asked no questions Tuesday. King was nominated to the appeals court by Democratic President Jimmy Carter in 1979. Elrod was nominated by Republican President George W. Bush in 2007. Engelhardt was nominated by Trump, a Republican, last year. Democrats in the U.S. Senate said Monday that Republicans will pay a political price if the case results in the loss of the popular health care law.

"If they are successful in striking down the Affordable Care Act, Republicans will own all of the consequences," Senate Democratic Leader Chuck Schumer of New York said on a call Monday with reporters. □

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## Report: Focus on Mexican border may cost northern resources

By WILSON RING

Associated Press

MONTPELIER, Vt. (AP) —

Plans to reduce staffing shortages on the U.S. border with Canada could be hindered because the focus is on border security at the U.S. border with Mexico, according to a report by the federal Government Accountability Office.

The U.S. Border Patrol, the agency responsible for securing the land border with Canada between ports and entry, and the Air and Marine Operations, which provides aerial surveillance and along waterways both said they were experiencing shortages of staff and equipment that's needed to do their jobs.

The Border Patrol said the staffing shortage could pose a risk to agent safety. The Department of Homeland Security has developed plans to improve staffing levels along the northern border, but an executive order signed by President Donald Trump



In this June 25, 2008, file photo, a floating marker indicates the border between the U.S. and Canada on Lake Champlain, in Vermont.

in the opening days of his presidency focuses resources on the U.S. border with Mexico. The DHS oversees Border Patrol and Air and Marine Operations.

"It is unknown whether the staffing and resource chal-

lenges identified by CBP to secure the northern border between ports of entry will be addressed due to competing southwest border security priorities," the GAO report said.

The report also said the Bor-

der Patrol and Air and Marine Operations needed to do more to measure their effectiveness at securing the northern border between ports of entry.

In a response contained in the GAO document, DHS

said it agreed with the report's assessments and recommendations. The letter said some of the changes being implemented on the southern border due to the president's 2017 order would be applied to areas along the northern border beginning this fall.

The Royal Canadian Mounted Police, which is responsible for border security in Canada, did not respond Tuesday to an emailed request for comment.

The public report, released last month, focused on the nearly 4,000-mile border from Maine to the state of Washington. It did not focus on the U.S.-Canadian border with Alaska.

After the 9/11 terrorist attacks on the United States, the government began boosting security along the northern border, increasing the number of agents and other resources to keep terrorists from getting into the United States from Canada. □

## Border numbers drop amid heat, Mexico crackdown

By COLLEEN LONG

Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) —

Homeland Security officials said Tuesday there was a 28% drop in the number of migrants encountered by Customs and Border Protection last month, amid a crackdown on migrants by Mexico.

There were 104,344 people encountered in June, down from 144,278 the month before.

Homeland Security officials said the numbers of single adults, families and



Lucia Ascencio, of Venezuela, carries a suitcase after she and her husband and two sons were returned to Nuevo Laredo, Mexico, as part of the first group of migrants sent back to Mexico's Tamaulipas state under the so-called Remain in Mexico program for U.S. asylum seekers, Tuesday, July 9, 2019.

Associated Press

unaccompanied minors encountered at the border had all declined but didn't immediately give a breakdown.

The tally includes apprehensions between ports of entry as well as people who were deemed "inadmissible" by Customs officers. The decline comes amid renewed outcry over squalid conditions for migrant children crammed into facilities not meant to hold them longer than 72 hours. Some are kept for weeks because of delays in

the system. In past months, shortly after reports of increasing numbers, Trump threatened to shutter the entire border. Last month, after he threatened tariffs on Mexico, leaders there agreed to expand Trump's program forcing U.S. asylum seekers to wait over the border.

Mexican police, soldiers and National Guard forces are raiding hotels, buses and trains to round up Central American migrants before they can make it to the border. □

## Colorful self-made billionaire H. Ross Perot dies at 89

By DAVID KOENIG

AP Business Writer

**DALLAS (AP)** — H. Ross Perot, the colorful, self-made Texas billionaire who rose from a childhood of Depression-era poverty and twice mounted outsider campaigns for president, has died. He was 89.

The cause of death was leukemia, a family spokesman said Tuesday.

Perot, whose 19% of the vote in 1992 stands among the best showings by an independent candidate in the past century, died early Tuesday at his home in Dallas surrounded by his family, said the spokesman, James Fuller. As a boy in Texarkana, Texas, Perot delivered newspapers from the back of a pony. He earned his billions in a more modern fashion, however. After attending the U.S. Naval Academy and becoming a salesman for IBM, he went his own way — creating and building Electronic Data Systems Corp., which helped other companies manage their computer networks.

The most famous event in his business career didn't involve sales and earnings, however. In 1979, he financed a private commando raid to free two EDS employees who were being held in a prison in Iran. The tale was turned into a book and a movie.

"I always thought of him as stepping out of a Norman Rockwell painting and living the American dream," said Tom Luce, who was a young lawyer when Perot hired him to handle his business and personal legal work. "A newspaper boy, a midshipman, shaking Dwight Eisenhower's hand at his graduation, and he really built the computer-services industry at EDS."

"He had the vision and the tenacity to make it happen," Luce said. "He was a great communicator. He never employed a speechwriter — he wrote all his own speeches. He was a great storyteller."

Perot first attracted attention beyond business circles by claiming that the U.S. government left be-



In this April 20, 2019, file photo, Ross Perot listens to a reporter's question during a news conference before accepting the Command and General Staff College Foundation's 2010 Distinguished Leadership Award in Kansas City, Mo.

hind hundreds of American soldiers who were missing or imprisoned at the end of the Vietnam War. Perot fanned the issue at home and discussed it privately with Vietnamese officials in the 1980s, angering the Reagan administration, which was formally negotiating with Vietnam's government.

Perot's wealth, fame and confident prescription for the nation's economic ills propelled his 1992 campaign against President George H.W. Bush and Democratic challenger Bill Clinton. In June of that year, a Gallup poll showed Perot leading his major-party rivals, but he dropped out in July, then rejoined the race less than five weeks before the election.

Perot spent \$63.5 million of his own money, much of it on 30-minute television spots during which he used charts and graphs to make his points, summarizing them with a line that became a national catchphrase: "It's just that simple."

His homespun quips were a hallmark of his presidential campaign. Other memorable lines included his take on negative campaigning ("let's get off mud wrestling") and on getting things done ("don't just sit here slow dancing for four years").

Some Republicans blamed Perot for Bush's loss to Clinton, as Perot garnered the largest percentage of votes for a third-party candidate since former President Theodore Roosevelt's 1912 bid.

Perot's second campaign four years later was far less successful. He was shut out of presidential debates when organizers said he lacked sufficient support. He got just 8% of the vote, and the Reform Party that he founded and hoped to build into a national political force began to fall apart. However, Perot's ideas on trade and deficit reduction remained part of the political landscape. He blamed both major parties for running up a huge federal budget deficit and allowing American jobs to be sent to other countries. The movement of U.S. jobs to Mexico, he said, created a "giant sucking sound."

Perot continued to speak out about federal spending for many years. In 2008, he launched a website to highlight the nation's debt with a ticker that tracked the rising total, a blog and a chart presentation. In Dallas, Perot left his mark by creating the Perot Museum of Nature and Science, helping finance the Morton H. Meyerson Symphony Center, and being a major benefactor of The

University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center.

He also provided help to families dealing with medical expenses or other challenges, according to those who knew him.

"He gave a lot to other people in public ways, but he also did it in private ways that nobody saw. There were thousands of stories just like that," said Meyerson, a longtime senior executive in Perot's companies.

Henry Ross Perot was born in Texarkana on June 27, 1930. His father was a cotton broker; his mother a secretary. Perot said his family survived the Depression relatively well through hard work and by managing their money carefully.

Young Perot's first job was delivering papers in a poor, mostly black part of town from his pony, Miss Bee. When the newspaper tried to cut his commission, he said he complained to the publisher — and won. He said that taught him to take problems straight to the top. From Texarkana, Perot went to the U.S. Naval Academy, never having been on a ship or seen the ocean. After the Navy, Perot joined International Business Machines in 1955 and quickly became a top salesman. In his last year at IBM, he filled his sales quota for the year in January.

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In 1962, with \$1,000 from his wife, Margot — they met on a blind date — Perot founded Electronic Data Systems. Hardware accounted for about 80% of the computer business, Perot said, and IBM wasn't interested in the other 20%, including services.

Many of the early hires at EDS were former military men, and they had to abide by Perot's strict dress code — white shirts, ties, no beards or mustaches — and long workdays. Many had crew cuts, like Perot.

The company's big break came in the mid-1960s when the federal government created Medicare and Medicaid. States needed help running the programs, and EDS won contracts — starting in Texas — to handle the millions of claims.

EDS first sold stock to the public in 1968, and overnight, Perot was worth \$350 million. His fortune doubled and tripled as the stock price rose steadily.

In 1984, he sold control of the company to General Motors Corp. for \$2.5 billion and received \$700 million in a buyout. In 2008, EDS was sold to Hewlett-Packard Co. Perot went on to establish another computer-services company, Perot Systems Corp. He retired as CEO in 2000 and was succeeded by his son, Ross Perot Jr. In 2009, the Dell computer company bought Perot Systems for \$3.9 billion.

Forbes magazine this year estimated Perot's wealth at \$4.1 billion.

It was during the Nixon administration that Perot became involved in the issue of U.S. prisoners of war. Perot said Secretary of State Henry Kissinger asked him to lead a campaign to improve treatment of POWs held in North Vietnam. Perot chartered two jets to fly medical supplies and the wives of POWs to Southeast Asia. They were not allowed into North Vietnam, but the trip attracted enormous media attention.

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This March 30, 2004 file photo, shows the grand stands at Vernon Downs in Verona, N.Y.

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## Local permit denied for Woodstock 50 at upstate NY track

**VERNON, N.Y. (AP)** — An upstate New York town has denied a permit to stage the Woodstock 50 festival at a local horse track, saying the application is too late and incomplete. Organizers can appeal the permit denial to the town's planning board within five days, Vernon town attorney Vincent Rossi said Tuesday. Organizers did not immediately respond to requests for comment. The denial came a day after opponents of the three-day festival packed a Vernon town board meeting Monday night, voicing concerns about safety and traffic in the rural area. Oneida County Sheriff Rob Maciol told the crowd it would be impossible to ensure public safety on such short notice. The Vernon Downs race-track and casino emerged

as a possible site for the Aug. 16-18 anniversary festival after the original venue, Watkins Glen International, pulled out last month. A festival at Vernon Downs could host up to 65,000 people, as opposed to the 150,000 planned for Watkins Glen, and it would not feature camping. Before the permit denial was announced, Woodstock 50 president Greg Peck said Tuesday that the group is working with law enforcement and public safety officials to address concerns. "We are confident that this careful planning and consideration of community concerns will result in a safe, world-class festival," Peck said in a prepared release. The festival has faced other setbacks, including the losses of a financial partner and a production company. □

## Outrage over killing of black teen over rap music complaint

By ANITA SNOW

Associated Press

**PHOENIX (AP)** — Hundreds of people including a presidential candidate spoke out on Twitter this week after a 17-year-old black youth was killed at suburban convenience store by a white man who said he was threatened by the boy's rap music.

Family members have told local media that Elijah Al-Amin would have turned 18 in two weeks and was looking forward to his last year in high school.

Friends and family hugged Monday at the Islamic Community Center in Tempe, where prayers for the youth were held before burial in Maricopa County. A modest makeshift memorial outside the convenience store where Al-Amin was stabbed was still erected on Tuesday, with a pair of white porcelain angels, fresh flowers and burning calendars — including one dedicated to the Virgin of Guadalupe, the Catholic patron saint of Mexico.

The Twitter hashtag #JusticeForElijah began trending over the Independence Day weekend after police in the suburban Phoenix city of Peoria arrested Michael Adams, 27, on suspicion of first-degree murder in the early Thursday morning killing. Adams had been released from state prison two days before.

"Another one of our chil-



A makeshift memorial for Elijah Al-Amin is set up at a local Circle K store for the death of the stabbing victim Tuesday, July 9, 2019, in Peoria, Ariz.

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black teenagers.

In the Arizona attack, first responders discovered Al-Amin collapsed outside the Peoria Circle K store's gas pumps and took him to a hospital, where he died. Several people inside the store had watched as Al-Amin was stabbed in the throat and the back before he ran outside.

Officers found Adams nearby with a pocket knife and blood on his body. Adams told them he had felt threatened by the rap music coming from Al-Amin's vehicle.

Adams' attorney, Jackie Cotterell, told the judge at his initial appearance hearing that her client was mentally ill and released without any medication, "no holdover meds, no way to care for himself." □

## UK Tory contenders trade blows; Labour backs new Brexit vote



Journalists view the live TV debate between Conservative Party leadership candidates Boris Johnson, seen at left, and Jeremy Hunt, right, on a large screen at the ITV, TV studio in Salford, England, Tuesday July 9, 2019.

By JILL LAWLESS

**Associated Press**

**LONDON (AP)** — The two men vying to be Britain's next leader traded verbal blows in a televised debate Tuesday about who is more likely to break the country's Brexit deadlock and lead the U.K. out of the European Union.

About 160,000 Conservative Party members are voting for a successor to Prime Minister Theresa May, who announced her resignation last month after failing repeatedly to get Parliament to back her divorce deal with the EU.

The two finalists, Boris Johnson and Jeremy Hunt, both used their only televised debate to argue that they were best placed to negotiate Britain's twice-postponed exit, currently scheduled for Oct. 31.

Johnson, a populist former mayor of London whom polls suggest is the strong front-runner, argued that Britain leaving on schedule, with or without a divorce deal, is a "do or die" issue. "Delay does not deliver a deal. A deadline will deliver a deal," Johnson said, adding that his "energy and

optimism" would help Britain "get back our mojo." Hunt, a long-serving but lusterless senior minister who is currently foreign secretary, said he offered experience, realism and a broader appeal than the divisive Johnson.

"I'll be your prime minister whoever you vote for," he said.

Unlike Johnson, Hunt said he would be prepared to delay Brexit for a short time in order to strike a deal with the EU.

That led Johnson to call Hunt "defeatist."

Hunt accused Johnson of setting a "fake deadline" and asked whether he would resign if he failed to deliver on his promise to leave by Oct. 31.

Johnson did not answer.

"It's not do or die is it?" Hunt snapped back. "It's Boris in No. 10 (Downing St.) that matters."

Hunt and Johnson have both vowed to succeed where May failed and take Britain out of the EU — even if that means leaving without an agreement on divorce terms and future relations.

Most businesses and econ-

omists think a no-deal Brexit would plunge Britain into recession as customs checks take effect at U.K. ports and tariffs are imposed on trade between the U.K. and the EU. But many Conservatives think embracing a no-deal Brexit may be the only way to win back voters from the upstart Brexit Party led by Nigel Farage.

Growing concern about the chance of a no-deal Brexit and signs that the British economy could be heading toward recession have weakened the pound, which fell Tuesday to \$1.2440, near a two-year low.

For underdog Hunt, Tuesday's showdown offered a chance to turn the contest around, though it may be too late. Ballot papers have already gone out, and many Conservatives have made their choice.

The two candidates also faced questions about a fierce row over leaked cables from Britain's ambassador in Washington offering unflattering assessments of President Donald Trump's administration.

In the memos, Ambassador Kim Darroch called Trump's

**Associated Press**

White House dysfunctional, inept and chaotic. The president let rip with tweets branding Darroch "very stupid" and "a pompous fool," and saying the administration would no longer deal with him.

Trump also renewed criticism of May's handling of Brexit. In contrast, he has spoken warmly of both Johnson and Hunt.

Hunt reprimanded Trump, saying he should not meddle in Britain's choice of ambassador.

"I have made it clear that if I am the next prime minister our ambassador in Washington stays," Hunt said.

Johnson would not commit to keeping Darroch in his post.

"I have a very good relationship with the White House," he said. "I think it's very important we should have a close partnership, a close friendship with the United States."

As the two Conservatives battled over who was the bigger champion of Brexit, Labour leader Jeremy Corbyn shifted his party's position, calling on May's successor to call a new referendum on Britain's EU

membership, in which Labour would campaign to stay in the EU.

In a letter to party members, Corbyn said that the new prime minister "should have the confidence to put their deal, or no-deal, back to the people in a public vote."

"In those circumstances, I want to make it clear that Labour would campaign for Remain against either no-deal or a Tory deal that does not protect the economy and jobs," he said.

Labour's opponents — and many supporters — have accused the party of dithering over Brexit for fear of alienating voters on either side of the national divide over Europe.

Until now, Corbyn, a long-time critic of the EU, had resisted calls for a second referendum, saying Labour must respect voters' 2016 decision to leave.

The left-of-center party has previously rejected May's deal but also ruled out leaving the EU without an agreement and called for an election that the party hopes will bring a Labour government to power.

But the party's poor showing in recent local and European elections suggests Labour is losing support to parties including the Liberal Democrats and the Greens that advocate remaining in the EU.

Corbyn's letter clarified the party's position — up to a point. It's still unclear what Labour would do about Brexit if it formed a government.

Labour lawmaker Hilary Benn, who heads Parliament's Brexit Committee, said "this is a very significant moment."

"We saw what a lack of clarity did to Labour in the European elections. We got 14% of the vote," he said.

But John Mann, a Labour legislator who backs Brexit, said the shift would cost the party support in areas of the country that voted strongly to leave the EU.

"There's no indication whatsoever that voters in my area ... have changed their mind," he said. □



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## Saudi princess tried in absentia for alleged Paris beating

By NICOLAS VAUX-MON-TAGNY

Associated Press

**PARIS (AP)** — The only daughter of Saudi Arabia's King Salman was put on trial in absentia Tuesday in Paris for allegedly ordering her bodyguard to strike a plumber she suspected of taking photos and video at the Saudi royal family's apartment in the French capital.

Prosecutors allege Princess Hessa bint Salman became enraged when she saw the plumber allegedly capturing her image, fearing the pictures could be used to harm her as the Saudi monarch's daughter due to her country's conservative traditions.

The presiding judge, quoting from prosecution evidence, said on the trial's opening day that the princess allegedly told her bodyguard to disparage the workman, calling him a

"dog who doesn't deserve to live." Bint Salman, who is the older half-sister of Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman, has denied the allegations through her lawyer.

The French-Egyptian plumber, Ashraf Eid, told Paris police after the September 2016 incident that the bodyguard tied him up at the princess' bidding after he photographed a room to help in returning furniture to its original layout once he finished his work.

"The princess noticed that her face was reflected in the bathroom and that she had been filmed. She called me a dog and called her bodyguard saying in Arabic, 'This one, take his phone. He filmed me,'" Eid reported to police investigators.

Eid said bodyguard Rani Saida broke his phone and also made him kiss the Sau-



**Yassine Bouzrou the Lawyer of the bodyguard of Saudi Princess Hessa bint Salman speaks to the media at courthouse in Paris, France, Tuesday, July 9, 2019.**

Associated Press

di princess' feet while his hands were bound behind his back. The plumber did not attend court Tuesday. Saida is being tried together with the princess. He de-

nies being physically aggressive, but said it's widely known no one is supposed to photograph the princess and alleged Eid "knew very well what he had done."

"There are 20 or 30 witnesses inside the apartment who can testify that at no time was (the workman) touched," he said, adding that breaking Eid's phone was "the biggest mistake."

"It deprives us showing that this gentleman took videos intentionally," Saidi said.

Bint Salman left France days after the Sept. 26, 2016 incident and a warrant for her arrest was issued in December 2017. She was not present in court Tuesday.

The princess is being tried for alleged theft of a telephone, complicity in voluntary violence and complicity in sequestration, according to a French judicial official who was not authorized to speak publicly and asked to remain anonymous. □

## Putin says he opposes trade restrictions against Georgia



Police block a street as demonstrators gather in front of the Georgian parliament building in Tbilisi, Georgia, Monday, July 8, 2019.

Associated Press

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**MOSCOW (AP)** — Russian President Vladimir Putin on Tuesday took a step toward cooling tensions with Georgia, rejecting calls for trade restrictions.

Relations between the two neighbors dipped to a new low last month following violent protests in the Georgian capital sparked by a Russian lawmaker's appearance at the country's parliament.

Putin promptly banned direct flights between the two countries, citing security concerns for Russian holidaymakers. Tensions escalated further on Sunday when a host on Georgia's independent Rustavi 2 television station unleashed a stream of profanities about Putin and his parents in a live broadcast. □

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## All-Afghan conference brings country closer to peace

By KATHY GANNON

Associated Press

**KABUL, Afghanistan (AP)**

— All-Afghan talks that brought together Afghanistan's warring sides ended Tuesday with a statement that appeared to push the country a step closer to peace, by laying down the outlines of a roadmap for the country's future and ending nearly 18 years of war.

Washington's Peace Envoy Zalmay Khalilzad has said he is hoping for a final agreement by Sept. 1, which would allow the withdrawal of U.S. and NATO troops. He will begin an eighth round of peace talks with the Taliban later on Tuesday also in Qatar's capital, Doha, where the two-day conference was held.

Tuesday's statement said that a post-war Afghanistan would have an Islamic legal system, protect women's rights "within the Islamic framework of Islamic values," and ensure equality for all ethnic groups. The much-touted conference was attended by Taliban, Afghan government representatives, women and members of the country's nascent civil society. It aimed to produce a new level of consensus among Afghanistan's fissiparous society.

No date was given for the



**Residents carry bodies of those who were killed in an airstrike during a protest in Baghlan province, northern Afghanistan, Tuesday, July 9, 2019.**

tougher negotiations to follow, when the many sides in Afghanistan's protracted conflict will sit down to hammer out the details of what an Islamic system will look like, how constitutional reform will come about, and what will become of the many local militias affiliated with the country's powerful warlords, who are affiliated with Kabul. They will also have to tackle how women's rights fit into the definition of the "Islamic values," as well as whether to set up an interim administration and when elec-

tions should be held. The conference agreed to keep the momentum going with confidence building measures. These included the unconditional release of old, disabled and sick prisoners — though there was no mention of the affiliation of the prisoners or whether it included those captured in the war. The warring sides also agreed not to attack institutions such as hospitals and schools, as well as national infrastructure such as hydro-electric dams. They also agreed to be more

diplomatic in their references to each other. There was no mention of a cease-fire, which Khalilzad has said the negotiations on the final deal would address. Both sides did agree, however, to do more to protect civilians. The United Nations has expressed growing concern over civilian deaths in the conflict, and has criticized all sides for rising casualty rates, including from stepped up U.S. airstrikes. Even as the conference was ending, an airstrike

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in Afghanistan's northern Baghlan province killed seven people, six of them children.

Early on Tuesday, a strike hit Kotuk Khiel village. The residents carried the bodies of the dead to the provincial capital of Pul-e-Kumri, where Afghanistan National Defense Forces had blocked the road.

Safdar Mohesni, the provincial council chief, said the airstrike was carried out by "foreigners," a reference to the United States. There was no immediate comment from the U.S. military to a request from The Associated Press.

The Taliban have also been deeply criticized for their many attacks that have killed or wounded civilians, including a devastating suicide car bombing on Sunday in Ghazni province that killed 12 people and wounded more than 150 others, including many students at a nearby school. Tuesday's statement also said all sides in the conflict would want international guarantors of any final agreement.

It said that future meetings would be all-inclusive — without any mention of direct talks with the Afghan government. The Taliban have steadfastly refused to talk with President Ashraf Ghani's government calling it a puppet. □

## UN says death toll from Libya fighting passes 1,000

By SAMY MAGDY

Associated Press

**CAIRO (AP) —** The battle between rival militias for the Libyan capital has killed more than 1,000 people since it began in April, the U.N. said Tuesday, a grim milestone in a stalemated conflict partly fueled by regional powers.

Forces loyal to Khalifa Hifter, a veteran army officer, opened an offensive on Tripoli in early April, advancing on the city's southern outskirts and clashing with an array of militias loosely affiliated with the U.N.-recognized government. Hifter's self-styled Libyan National Army is the largest and best organized of



**In this June 15, 2019, file photo, a vehicle and structure is damaged from fighting in the region of Tajoura, east of the Libyan capital Tripoli.**

the country's many militias, and enjoys the support of Egypt, the United Arab Emirates and Russia. But it has faced stiff resistance from fighters aligned with the U.N.-recognized government, which is aided by

Turkey and Qatar. The World Health Organization said in a brief statement that 1,048 people have been killed since the offensive began, including 106 civilians. It says 5,558 have been wounded, in cluding 289 civilians. The battle lines have changed little since the offensive began, with both sides dug in and shelling one another in the southern reaches of the capital. Militias aligned with the government recently recaptured Gharyan, a town some 100 kilometers (60 miles) west of the city that is on a major supply route. The fighting has emptied entire neighborhoods of civilians. Thousands of African migrants captured by Libyan forces supported by the European Union are trapped in detention centers near the front lines. An airstrike on one facility last week killed more than 50

people, mainly migrants held in a hangar that collapsed on top of them.

Libya slid into chaos after the 2011 uprising that toppled and killed long-ruling dictator Moammar Gadhafi. Armed groups have proliferated, and the country has emerged as a major transit point for migrants fleeing war and poverty for a better life in Europe.

Hifter's supporters say he is the only leader who can end militia rule, reunite the country and keep it from being a safe haven for terrorists. They point to his success in defeating Islamic militants and other rival factions in eastern Libya over the past few years. □



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## Japan says it won't discuss or retract SKorea export rules

By MARI YAMAGUCHI

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Associated Press

**TOKYO (AP)** — Japan said Tuesday it does not plan to retract or renegotiate its stricter controls on high-tech exports to South Korea, a day after the South Korean president urged that the issue be resolved through diplomacy.

Tokyo tightened the approval process for Japanese shipments of photoresists and other sensitive materials to South Korean companies last week.

Japanese officials say such materials can be exported only to trustworthy trading partners, hinting at security risks without citing specific cases. They have rejected suggestions that the move was driven by a worsening in ties between the two countries related to historical issues.

"The measure is not a subject for consultation and we have no intention of withdrawing it either," Chief Cabinet Secretary Yoshihide Suga said at a news conference.

He was responding to South Korean President Moon Jae-in's appeal for a diplomatic solution through "sincere" bilateral discussions, urging Tokyo to withdraw what he described as a politically motivated measure. Moon said Monday his country would be forced to take countermeasures if the restrictions on the materials, used mainly in semiconductors and displays, cause damage to South Korean companies. The trade curbs have raised concern over possible dis-



**South Korean Foreign Minister Kang Kyung-wha answers questions during a plenary session at National Assembly in Seoul, South Korea, Tuesday, July 9, 2019.**

ruptions for South Korean manufacturers and global supply chains, he said.

Japan's trade measures followed recent South Korean court rulings ordering Japanese companies to compensate South Korean plaintiffs for forced labor during World War II, when South Korea was a colony of Japan.

The export restrictions cover fluorinated polyimides, which are used in organic light-emitting diode (OLED) screens for TVs and smartphones, and photoresist and hydrogen fluoride, used for making semiconductors.

Japanese officials say those chemicals are sensitive materials that could be used in fighter jets, radars and chemical weapons. They say the decision to tighten export controls was

based on a lack of trust that posed a risk to national security.

They haven't elaborated on the alleged security risks, but Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe and his conservative aides have hinted there may have been illegal transfers of sensitive materials from South Korea to North Korea.

South Korea's Trade Ministry said Seoul plans to file a complaint at the World Trade Organization.

At a WTO meeting its Geneva headquarters on Tuesday, South Korea's ambassador warned that the Japanese measures would have repercussions for electronic products worldwide — including in Japan — and called on Tokyo to withdraw them.

Ambassador Paik Ji-ah said South Korea was the only

country affected by the measure, and expressed concerns that Japan was also reviewing whether to further tighten trade measures, according to a Geneva-based trade official who relayed the ambassador's comments in the closed-door meeting of the WTO Goods Council. Ambassador Paik declined to speak to reporters after the meeting.

Japan's envoy in Geneva, Junichi Ihara, countered that the Japanese measures didn't amount to a trade embargo, but rather a review of export controls based on security concerns, according to the trade official.

"I simply said that our measures are just the change of application of procedures," Ihara told reporters afterward. "We applied the

simplified procedures before to Korea, but now we changed, and just normal procedures will be applied - are applied - to (South) Korea."

"So this is perfectly in conformity with our obligations to the WTO," he added, declining to comment further. In Japan, comments from Abe and other officials have been more pointed.

"South Korea says it is adequately abiding by the sanctions and that it is properly carrying out export controls. But South Korea, with its handling of the former Korean wartime laborers issues, clearly demonstrated that it is a country that does not keep promises. Naturally, we have to assume it also fails to keep promises on export controls," Abe said Sunday on a Fuji Television talk show.

On another Fuji talk show last week, Koichi Hagiuda, a senior lawmaker in Abe's Liberal Democratic Party, said some chemical exports were unaccounted for. A day later, former defense minister Itsunori Onodera mentioned a South Korean newspaper report in May about illegal shipments of sensitive materials that could have ended up in North Korea and Iran via third countries. It did not cite any sources.

South Korea denied the allegations, summoning a Japanese Embassy official to protest Abe's suggestion that it could not be trusted to faithfully implement sanctions against North Korea, Foreign Ministry spokesman Kim In-chul said Tuesday. □

## Amid fuel shortage, Venezuelan farmers worry about crops

By LUZ DARY DEPABLOS

SCOTT SMITH

Associated Press

LA GRITA, Venezuela (AP)

— Growing potatoes and carrots high in the wind-swept mountains of western Venezuela had always proven a challenge for Luis Villamizar.

But as oil production in the South American country has collapsed under years of mismanagement and U.S. sanctions, many in the industry are confronting another hardship: Fuel shortages.

"Nobody's going to eat this. It's a loss for sure," said Villamizar, 53, as he dug up potatoes darkened with spots from a damaging infestation. "Who's going to buy these? This won't do." He's not alone. Across Venezuela, crops are spoiling in the fields — at a time of unprecedented hunger — as farmers become the latest casualty of the nation's deepening crisis.

Without a dependable supply of gasoline, critical shipments of pesticides have been entirely cut off, basic equipment has become impossible to operate, field workers cannot be bussed in and crops aren't arriving at markets — further jeopardizing an already shaky sector in a country that has seen a whopping 10% of the population emigrate. Oil output has reached record lows, with state



In this June 19, 2019 photo, residents of a remote community catch a ride on the bed of a truck near La Grita, Venezuela.

run company PDVSA estimated to be producing at 10 to 15% of its capacity. Gasoline is dirt cheap at filling stations, but hard to find

— driving the black market price for a 5.3 gallon (20 liter) container up to \$100 in remote mountain communities. Many motorists have also grown accustomed to waiting days to fill up their cars or doing without any at all.

Critics blame the downfall on corruption after two decades of socialist rule, while embattled President Nicolás Maduro blames U.S. sanctions that were

implemented against PDVSA this year to pressure him from office and put opposition leader Juan Guaidó in charge.

In the middle are the nation's farmers.

While the nation boasts the world's largest reserves of oil, agriculture and related industries in Venezuela still account for a critical sliver of the country's GDP, which has shrunk by more than 70% since 2012. In rural places like the western state of Tachira, many manage to eke out livelihoods by tending to crops such as potatoes, car-

rots, onions, tomatoes and peppers. The lack of fuel is driving the industry toward collapse. Robert Maldonado, a sweet pepper farmer and outspoken community leader, represents roughly 1,500 farmers across the rural stretch traversed by the Andes, where the highest peak rises to nearly 12,800 feet (3,900 meters) above sea level.

In the past, produce ranging from cabbage to bananas was sent to markets and kitchens across Venezuela.

These days, Maldonado says the price of fuel has

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eaten up profits and made it impossible for farmers to feed themselves — let alone supply a country where hunger and hyperinflation run rampant. According to survey results published by three of the country's most prominent universities, six in 10 Venezuelans said they lost weight, an average of 24 pounds (11 kilograms), between 2017 and 2018. Last year, inflation topped 1 million percent.

"We're quite worried that in three or four months the production will collapse by more than half," Maldonado said.

Ricardo Hausmann, a Harvard University economist and former Venezuelan planning minister who is now an opposition figure, estimates that Venezuela's farming output is down 90 percent from its 2005-2007 average, with fuel shortages adding to the blow.

"The planted area is the smallest we've seen in decades," he said, calling it a "systemic collapse" of a supply chain for the sector — including shortages of seed, fertilizer and spare parts for tractors.

Before the oil boom started in Venezuela nearly a century ago, agriculture, forestry, and fishing made up more than 50 percent of GDP. In the 1930s farms provided 60 percent of the nation's jobs. □

## Only 60% of Mexican federal police make grade for new force

Associated Press

MEXICO CITY (AP) — President Andrés Manuel López Obrador said Tuesday that only about 60% of Mexico's federal police are passing physical and background exams to join the new National Guard, despite the fact they're considered the elite of law enforcement personnel.

Federal police, who had better pay, training and education standards than other police, have protested recently against being reassigned to the militarized National Guard.

The police say they're being ill-treated and will lose



Striking police continue to hold a federal police command center in the Iztapalapa borough, in Mexico City, Thursday, July 4, 2019, to protest against plans to force them into the newly formed National Guard.

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seniority and benefits. They have also objected to

loss of pay and poorer living conditions, which the

soldiers and marines who have joined the force are more used to.

López Obrador has accused federal police of being unfit and corrupt, and he said Tuesday that only 60% passed tests to join the new force, compared to 90% of military personnel.

López Obrador said the police had failed to keep fit, though he acknowledged he himself, at age 65, suffers from high blood pressure.

The government said it has reached a deal to let federal officers retire or join other law enforcement agencies if they don't want to go to

the National Guard or are rejected.

But apparently, some parts of the federal police may survive; López Obrador said some would continue to patrol highways, for example.

One of the key differences is that federal police were sent out for limited periods to outlying states as needed to handle surges in crime. They were given special bonuses and stayed at hotels.

The new National Guard members will live in the regions where they are based and won't be given deployment bonuses. □

# LOCAL



## Aruba's Nature is to be Cherished



**ST. CRUZ — The national park Arikok comprises almost 18 % of the island. Its rugged terrain, desert-like hills filled with tall cacti, breathtaking coastline and protected local flora and fauna welcome you to be explored. There is numerous wildlife to discover like for example the sea turtle who lays his eggs on the park's beaches. There are more places on the island that are a preserved area like the Bubali Plas which is a bird sanctuary.**

The national park Arikok takes you on a memorable journey of the island's past offering unique geological, cultural and historical sites. These can all be enjoyed and explored either on your own or during guided tours. A wide variety of educational and informative programs and fun activities is available.

Did you know that four of the in total seven species of sea turtle lay their eggs on Aruba's beaches? In the national park, a Least Tern (*Sternula antillarum*) keeps a strict eye on a very special event taking place below on the beach: a majestic Leatherback (*Dermochelys coriacea*) heads back to sea after laying her eggs, while another nest laid 2 months ago by the same female hatches. A very rare occurrence of daytime nesting

and hatching. Sea turtles prefer nesting in the cool and dark hours of the night. And hatchlings usually wait for the cue of cooling surface sand before emerging.

### Bubali Magic

This beautiful close-up image of the pink bird is courtesy of Michiel Oversteegen of the Aruba Birdlife Conservation. This important foundation showcases and builds awareness of Aruba's birds and other native flora and fauna. You may have seen a 'pink cloud' lately at the Bubali or Spanish Lagoon Wetlands areas? It's most likely to be Roseate Spoonbills (*Ajaia ajaja*) or 'Chucharon Cora' as they are known in Papiamento.

This unusual looking bird forages in shallow muddy water while sweeping its flattened bill from side to side to catch small fish, crustaceans and other aquatic invertebrates. The Roseate Spoonbill remains an uncommon sight as

they are vulnerable to degradation of feeding and nesting habitats (Wetlands). (Source: arikok national park)

The above mentioned is just a part of what Aruba's nature has to offer. We cannot stress enough to go, see for yourself. The island has the most beautiful beaches but it is also worthwhile to go beyond this and get an idea of our entire island. Lately there is a discussion going on about the effect certain activities have on our nature, for example the ATV vehicles cause a lot of dust, noise and leave tire tracks.

Animals live in these areas where the vehicles run, often with high speed and with detrimental consequences to flora and fauna. Motorized vehicles are forbidden to drive on the sand dunes in the Northern part of the island and all beaches in Aruba are forbidden for any motorized vehicle. Treasure our island to enjoy it like you do: as a tropical and natural paradise. We truly appreciate it! □



## Respect the oceans 365 days a year



**By Melissa Martin Ph.D**

**OHIO — My favorite vacation spot is any place with an ocean and a beach—God's natural playground created for fun in the sun. And during summer beach vacations, families can educate themselves about ocean clean-up and conservation.**

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The Ocean Project helps lead global promotion and coordination of World Oceans Day. This watery initiative advances conservation in partnership with aquariums, zoos, museums, and youth. Since 2002, The Ocean Project has also been the global leader for promoting and coordinating World Oceans Day, to rally the world in June and growing action year-round. For 2019, the theme, Together We Can, focused on what we can all do together to create a healthy ocean and better future. Millions of people virtually joined hands around the world to show their support for protecting our shared ocean.

More than 800,000 members and activists in over 200 countries have

already joined Oceana – the largest international organization focused solely on ocean conservation. [www.oceana.org](http://www.oceana.org).

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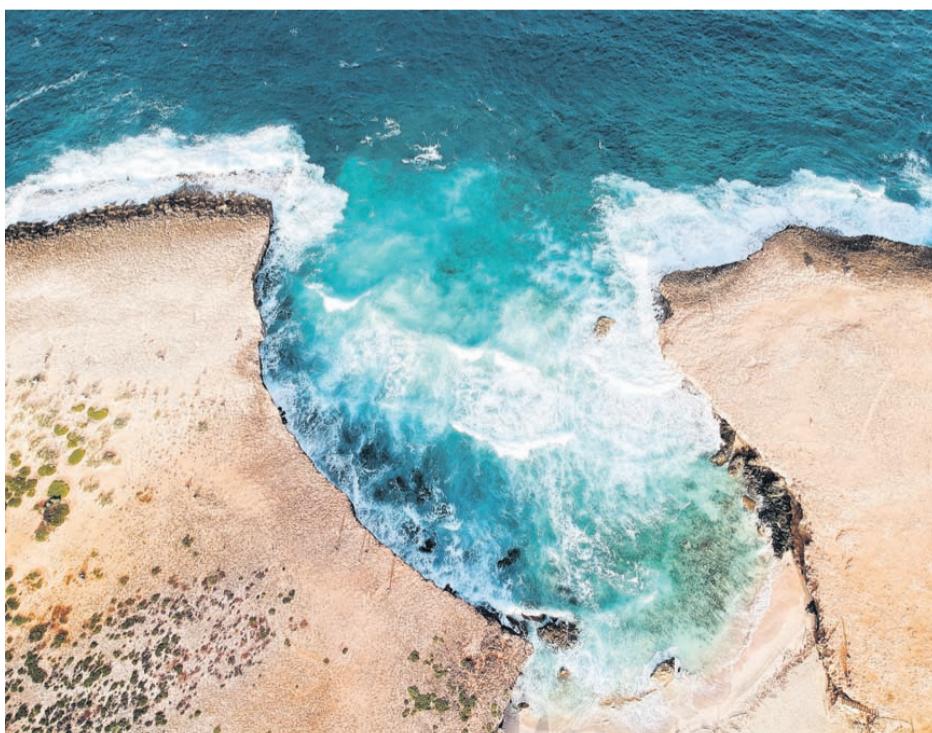
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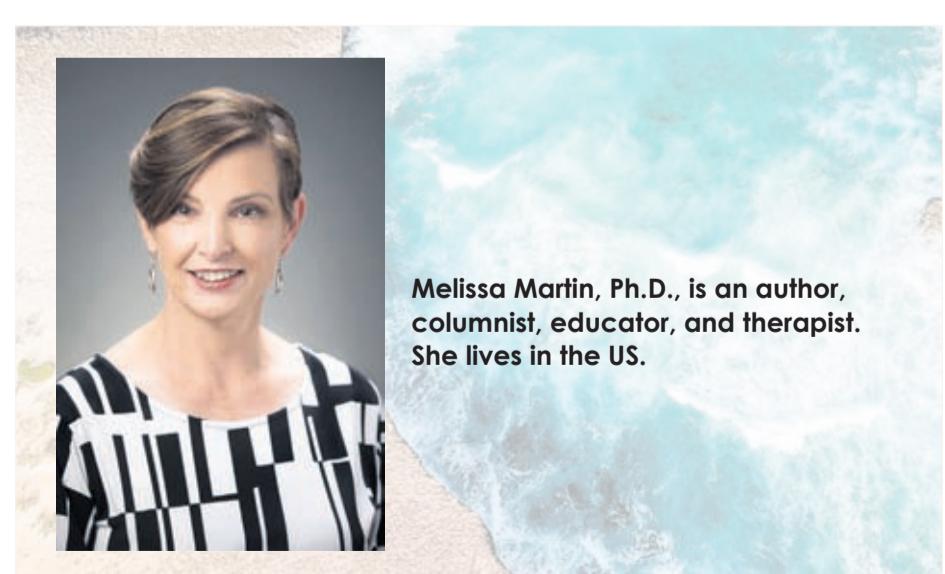
A new illustrated book, co-published by the Commonwealth, seeks to educate children about seabed minerals and the impacts of their exploitation through deep sea mining. "Treasures of the Deep" is a story of three friends that descend in a submarine to the depths of the ocean, where they learn about exotic ecosystems and rich mineral deposits on the sea floor...It raises questions regarding the balance between exploitation and conservation and asks the reader to consider all elements. [www.thecommonwealth.org](http://www.thecommonwealth.org). □

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## Together with Aruba Airport: Southwest Airlines' love for Aruba is still their field!



**ORANJESTAD – Aruba Airport Authority N.V. (AAA) was delighted to host the Southwest Airlines' staff with a breakfast celebration in honor of Southwest Airlines' 5th anniversary providing roundtrip service to Aruba.**

It was on July 1st, 2014 that Southwest Airlines launched their first inaugural flight from Baltimore (BWI) to Aruba. With this acquisition Aruba Airport opened up the possibilities for connections from other destinations and markets in the US. Southwest Airlines marked history on March 7, 2015 as they launched the first international flight out of Houston-Hobby Airport (HOU) to Aruba. Current service to HOU is once a week on Saturdays. As part of Southwest's network plans, BWI-AUA and MCO-AUA services were increased to daily flights.

Southwest currently operates daily non-stop flights from Baltimore/Washington International Thurgood Marshall Airport and Fort Lauderdale-Hollywood International Airport and seasonal service from Houston William P. Hobby Airport to Queen Beatrix International Airport (AUA).

During the last 5 years, Southwest Airlines was not only able to establish successful point-to-point-traffic, but also made it possible for many international guests to use this popular route to travel to Aruba.

"In 2018 our valued airline partner provided 84.849 passengers the opportunity to travel to and from Aruba. Year to date (May 2019) our reliable airline-partner transported nearly 35.000 passengers with a rising trend.

5 Years have already flown by making the relationship stronger between the airline and Aruba Airport. We look forward to reinforce and further develop the partnership that will ultimately benefit our passengers and destination. On

behalf of AAA, I am honored to congratulate the Southwest Airlines team on the occasion of its 5th anniversary providing service to Aruba.

We look forward to working closer together in the years to come to achieve common objectives. We are grateful to the Southwest team and encourage them to continue providing great service to our passengers. Pabien!" said AAA Air Service Development Manager Mrs. Jo-Anne Meaux-Arends.

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## Today's Happening



## A weekly calendar with a selection of what's going on in Aruba

**Wednesday 10**

### Italy for a Night at Casa Nonna

- Take a genuine trip to the most emblematic corners of Italy enjoying a 4-course menu inspired by Sicily at Casa Nonna New York.
- From 8:00PM-11:00PM
- Palm Beach, The Ritz-Carlton, Aruba
- Facebook: The Ritz-Carlton, Aruba



**Friday 12**

### Discover Local Art at Renaissance Marketplace

- Every Friday Night the Renaissance Marketplace transforms into a local art exhibition where you can see, touch or buy art pieces locally made by local artisans. Start your weekend with many dining options, live musical entertainment, movie premieres and many more. The perfect way to relax and enjoy life.
- From 7:00PM
- Oranjestad, Renaissance Marketplace
- Facebook: Renaissance Marketplace



### Saturday 13 California Lighthouse Experience

- Climb to the top of the California Lighthouse to see the best views of the island!
- From 9:00AM-5:00PM
- Noord, Westpunt
- Facebook Aruba Walking Tours



**Monday 15**

### Carnival Night at Eagle Aruba

- Dance the night away with live steel pan music and a spectacular carnival show. Experience some delicious local dishes and take home hand crafted artifacts.
- From 6:00 PM-8:00 PM
- Eagle Aruba Resort Courtyard
- Facebook Eagle Aruba Resort & Casino



### Tuesday 16 Aruban Night Show

- Join us every Tuesday for the Spectacular Aruban Night Show by Impressive Entertainment and Production and Massive Brassband International. Come and dance to the rhythm of Carnival songs and drums!
- From 8 PM
- Palm Beach Plaza Mall
- Facebook Palm Beach Plaza Mall

# SPORTS



Vladimir Guerrero Jr., Toronto Blue Jays, reacts after hitting a home run during the Major League Baseball Home Run Derby, Monday, July 8, 2019, in Cleveland. The MLB baseball All-Star Game will be played Tuesday.

Associated Press

## Money Ball: Mets' Alonso wins HR Derby, \$1M, tops Vlad Jr.

By TOM WITHERS  
AP Sports Writer

CLEVELAND (AP) — Pete Alonso took one final swing and flipped his bat high in the air. Another walk-off. Money ball. As the crowd roared, the New York Mets rookie headed toward the mound and tightly squeezed his cousin and pitcher Derek Morgan, who had helped him win the All-Star Home Run Derby and \$1 million.

Alonso outlasted a worn-down fellow rookie Vladimir Guerrero Jr. in the final round Monday night to take home a prize that nearly doubled his 2019 salary. With just seconds to spare, Alonso connected for a homer to left-center to edge Guerrero 23-22 after the Blue Jays' powerhouse put on a historic display by hitting 91 homers before he ran out of gas following an epic semifinal matchup against Dodgers outfielder Joc Pederson.

# RISKE BUSINESS

*'Something our sport has never seen': Serena to Wimbledon SF*

United States' Serena Williams celebrates after winning a point against United States' Alison Riske during a women's quarterfinal match on day eight of the Wimbledon Tennis Championships in London, Tuesday, July 9, 2019.

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## Garoppolo goes to QB summer school before training camp

By JOSH DUBOW  
AP Pro Football Writer

SANTA CLARA, Calif. (AP) —

Jimmy Garoppolo is going to summer school before starting training camp with the San Francisco 49ers. Garoppolo is spending part of his down time between the end of minicamp and the start of training camp on July 27 working in Southern California with quarterback guru Tom House.

House is a former major league pitcher and pitching coach perhaps most famous for catching Hank Aaron's record-breaking 715th career homer in the Atlanta Braves bullpen in 1974. But in recent years, House has run a quarterback academy in Huntington Beach called 3DQB where he helps passers refine their throwing mechanics.

House has worked with several star quarterbacks over the years, including Tom Brady, Drew Brees, Matt Ryan and Carson Palmer. Garoppolo met House during his time in New England as Brady's teammate on the Patriots and has been spending time working on his mechanics all offseason as he comes back from season-ending knee surgery.

"We're trying to implement drills as close to game-like situations as you could get to," Garoppolo said in a phone interview last week. "At the same time, we're sticking to mechanics and the basics. That's what quarterbacking comes down to. You have to be really good with the basics and do them over and over again. It's good to get someone with as much experience as Tom."

"It's nice to have him see you throw and see if he has any little things to fix up or anything you haven't thought about that he thinks can help you. Quarterback is a very unique position and a lot goes into it. There are a lot of moving pieces."

The extra work this offseason is important for Garoppolo, who played just three

games all last season before tearing his ACL and has just 10 career starts in five NFL seasons.

Garoppolo showed plenty of promise after arriving in San Francisco in a trade with the Patriots midway through the 2017 season. He stepped in after a few weeks and won all five starts, earning a five-year, \$137.5 million contract to stay off the free-agent market. Garoppolo completed less than 60 percent of his passes in his three starts last season and saw his yards per attempt drop, while his sack and interception rates went up.

Now the Niners hope he can regain his form from 2017 with help from an

overhauled group of receivers, including second-round receiver Deebo Samuel, third-rounder Jalen Hurd and veteran Jordan Matthews.

San Francisco also signed running back Tevin Coleman and will have a healthy Jerick McKinnon after last year's big free-agent acquisition missed all of 2018 with a major knee injury.

Some of those players are spending time with Garoppolo this summer and he plans to get a big group together in Santa Clara before the start of training camp in order to build up a rapport as quickly as possible.

"I'm trying to pick up their



In this June 10, 2019, file photo, San Francisco 49ers quarterback Jimmy Garoppolo throws a pass during a drill at the team's NFL football training facility in Santa Clara, Calif.

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mannerisms, what motivates them, all those things," Garoppolo said. "There's a million different things that go into it. It's exciting. This time of year, with only a couple of weeks until training camp, it's grind time.

"Chemistry comes with

experience and practice reps. A guy can be last on the totem pole but if he starts making plays day after day he can move up quickly. That's kind of the nature of the beast when it comes to football. But that's the exciting part of it." □

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## With 19 aces, gutsy comeback, Serena reaches Wimbledon semis



United States' Serena Williams returns the ball during a mixed doubles match with Britain's Andy Murray on day eight of the Wimbledon Tennis Championships in London, Tuesday, July 9, 2019.

By HOWARD FENDRICH

AP Tennis Writer

WIMBLEDON, England (AP)

— Slowed by a balky ankle, trailing by a service break in the third set of her Wimbledon quarterfinal, Serena Williams appeared to be in trouble Tuesday against an opponent playing the tournament of her life.

Williams was down, yes. But out? No way. And now she is two victories from that 24th Grand Slam title that's been barely eluding her.

Lifting her play a much-needed notch down the stretch to grab the last three games, capping the comeback with her 19th ace — at 121 mph, no less — Williams reached the semifinals at the All England Club by gutting out a 6-4, 4-6, 6-3 win over 55th-ranked Alison Riske.

"I had to just button up and play hard," said Williams, who owns seven Wimbledon titles. "She was playing her heart out."

That she was. Riske, a 29-year-old from Pittsburgh, was appearing in her first major quarterfinal. For Williams, this was No. 51.

That might have made all the difference. It's Williams who possesses boundless muscle memory in these situations, who knows what it takes to come through in the tightest contests on the biggest stages.

"I definitely thought maybe I had a peek here and there at a couple openings, but Serena really upped her level, as only a champion would," Riske said.

"It was really, actually, very interesting for me to be on the opposite end, because I felt her up her game and her intensity," Riske said with a smile. "Yeah, I hope she takes the title now."

Next for the 37-year-old Williams will be a match against 54th-ranked Barbora Strycova of the Czech Republic, who reached her first Grand Slam semifinal at age 33 with a 7-6 (5), 6-1 victory over No. 19 Johanna Konta of Britain.

"A huge achievement for me," said Strycova, who is playing in her 53rd major tournament.

The other semifinal Thursday will be No. 7 Simona Halep of Romania against No. 8

Elina Svitolina of Ukraine.

After edging Riske in singles, Williams cooled down by riding a stationary bike while holding her nearly 2-year-old daughter, Olympia, in one arm. Then Williams went out and joined Andy Murray to win their second-round match in mixed doubles 7-5, 6-3 against Fabrice Martin and Raquel Atawo.

Halep, a former No. 1 who won the 2018 French Open, followed up her elimination of 15-year-old sensation Coco Gauff by defeating Zhang Shuai of China 7-6 (4), 6-1 to get to her second semifinal at Wimbledon. Svitolina will make her debut in that round at any major tournament thanks to beating Karolina Muchova of the Czech Republic 7-5, 6-4.

These sorts of stakes, and this sort of setting, are unfamiliar for Riske, who mistakenly headed to her changeover chair thinking the match's fifth game was over when the score was just 40-15.

Spectators chortled; she grinned and walked back

to the baseline.

Even if Williams was hardly perfect, she got by, aided by her greatest-in-the-game serve and Riske's miscues. Most glaringly, Riske double-faulted five times in the final set, at least somewhat a result of trying to do too much against William's superb returns.

"It's no secret that Serena has an amazing serve. But Serena has an equally-as-amazing return," Riske said. "I've never played anyone that has a return like Serena. That put a lot of pressure on my serve."

Still, Riske played tremendously well for most of the afternoon, just as she did while going 14-1 on grass in 2019 until Tuesday.

She won two of Williams' first four service games and finished 5 for 5 on break points. Her deep and flat groundstrokes off both sides jarred Williams repeatedly. Until, that is, Riske wilted late — which was understandable, given that she became the first woman in Wimbledon history to play three-setters in five consecutive matches to open the

tournament, according to the WTA.

Williams rolled her right ankle and her movement was hardly ideal. Late in the second set, she was visited by a trainer, who applied extra tape to the ankle. That was during a stretch when Riske, talking to herself between points, claimed four games in a row to take the second set and lead the third by a break at 1-0.

"I thought," Riske said, "I was very close."

Not close enough. Williams was not going to go quietly. She held at love to lead 4-3, and then came the key game. Riske saved a trio of break points and was a point from 4-all after claiming a point when Williams slipped along the well-worn baseline.

First Williams got back to deuce by using a drop shot to set up a volley winner. Then she earned yet another break point on a thrilling 10-stroke exchange, using a drop shot to bring Riske forward and delivering a volley winner. Williams lifted both arms and jutted her jaw. In the stands, her husband leaped from his seat, pointed his index fingers at her and screamed.

On the next point, Riske double-faulted, handing over the last break Williams needed.

After breaking Steffi Graf's record for most Grand Slam trophies in the professional era by winning her 23rd at the 2017 Australian Open while pregnant, Williams took time off. Since returning to the tour last season, she came close to equaling Margaret Court's Slam count of 24 — which was accumulated in part against amateurs — but lost in the finals at Wimbledon and the U.S. Open.

Williams dealt with injuries and illness this year, playing just 12 matches until last week.

"This is the first time since (January) that I actually felt, like, good," she said at her news conference, while Olympia was held by Williams' agent at the back of the room. "It's been a really, really long year for me already, and hard year." □

## HR Derby

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"There's so many guys that just put on a show, like Joc, he was amazing, Vlad, they did such a good job," Alonso said. "Everybody put on a show. To me it didn't really seem like the jitters were there, because everyone was awesome. I mean everyone was showing their stuff."

After his last homer cleared the wall, Alonso was swarmed by the NL All-Stars who along with a crowd of 36,119 fans were treated to a power display unlike any in the event's history.

"This was surreal," Alonso said.

Alonso is the second rookie to win outright, following Yankees star Aaron Judge in 2017. He's also the first Mets player to win the derby since Darryl Strawberry shared the title with Wally Joyner in 1986.

Alonso, making the major league minimum of \$555,000 this season, has hit 30 home runs. The first baseman will showcase his swing again in Tuesday night's All-Star Game as baseball continues this season of the longball.

And he'll also give 10% of his prize money to charity — 5% each to the Wounded Warrior Project and to

the Tunnel to Towers Foundation.

"I've been living a fantasy," Alonso said. "And I just want to use my platform as almost kind of just reach out to people and just make people aware of these causes. And I hope that other people could find the kindness in their hearts."

One of the only bright spots this season for the struggling Mets, Alonso gave New York's NL fans something to brag about while the Yankees chase another title.

He showed some dramatic flair with two nail-biting wins to reach the final against Guerrero. He nipped Cleveland's Carlos Santana 14-13 in the first round and Atlanta's Ronald Acuña Jr. 20-19 in the second to set up a showdown with the 20-year-old Guerrero, whose Hall of Fame father won the event in 2007.

With one of baseball's most fearsome swings, Guerrero figured to be a force but there was no way of predicting he'd hit 91 homers — 74 more than his dad's entire total 12 years ago. Following the event, Guerrero slowly walked to his chair in the clubhouse and sat down.

"I was kind of scared he



Pete Alonso, of the New York Mets, celebrates winning the Major League Baseball Home Run Derby, Monday, July 8, 2019, in Cleveland. The MLB baseball All-Star Game will be played Tuesday.

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was going to beat me because he was hitting second," Guerrero said through a translator. "It was back-and-forth and back-and-forth. It was really tiring."

His hands blistered, Guerrero more than equaled his season's salary of \$468,468. He got \$500,000 for finishing second, plus a \$100,000 bonus for hitting the longest homer.

"I gave all I had. I'm proud I hit 91 home runs," he said. Guerrero defeated Pederson in a semifinal that required three extra swing(ings) and will go down in derby lore.

They were tied 29-all after their four-minute round and then again following a 60-second session. Guerrero and Pederson then each homered once when given three swings, forcing another best-of-three round. Guerrero hit two, screaming at his second shot, which barely cleared the 19-foot high wall in left.

Pederson couldn't match up, hitting a grounder on his final cut before both players shared an exhausted embrace near home plate as the fellow All-Stars stood and applauded like regular fans.

The last Home Run Derby in

Cleveland was also won by a New Yorker — Yankees first baseman Tino Martinez, who took the 1997 crown over a field which included Hall of Famers Ken Griffey Jr. and Jim Thome, who didn't clear the walls once. Santana fared better than Thome, hitting 13 dingers in the first round. But Alonso rallied with two homers in the final 15 seconds to hit 14 as the Cleveland crowd sneered.

"I didn't think I'd ever be booed at a Home Run Derby, to be honest with you," Alonso said. "But I guess that's the hometown home cooking." □

## All-Stars make attractive trade targets as deadline nears

By BEN WALKER  
AP Baseball Writer

**CLEVELAND (AP)** — For a day, Will Smith was in for quite a treat — teammates with Clayton Kershaw, Freddie Freeman and Christian Yelich.

Soon, the San Francisco reliever could be playing with one of them for real.

Smith went into the All-Star Game on Tuesday night well aware his days with the last-place Giants might be dwindling.

"If I get traded, it'll be the fourth time," the left-hander said. "After the first one, you're kind of numb to it."

Fellow All-Star pitchers Marcus Stroman, Shane Greene and Brad Hand also are possible trade targets as the July 31 deadline approaches.



Detroit Tigers' Shane Greene pitches against the Washington Nationals during the ninth inning of a baseball game Saturday, June 29, 2019, in Detroit. Greene recorded his 22nd save in the team's 7-5 win.

Associated Press

Hand is an old hand at this.

The San Diego Padres sent the left-hander to Cleveland just two days after the 2018 All-Star Game, during

the break.

up for.... There's really nothing you can do about it unless you have a no-trade clause." "I mean obviously there's a select handful of guys whose names are always thrown out there, so it's always the teams at the top of the division looking to get stronger and teams at the bottom looking to get something in return, so we'll see what happens," he said.

At last year's All-Star Game, there was little doubt it was Manny Machado's last time in a Baltimore uniform. He even gave a hint of what to come when he pulled out his phone — while playing shortstop — and posed for a selfie with Dodgers outfielder Matt Kemp.

The next day, the Orioles traded Machado to the

Dodgers. Greene has 22 saves and a 1.09 ERA for the last-place Detroit Tigers, making him an attractive option for teams in the playoff chase.

"It's a business and it's part of the game. Right now, I'm here. I'm going to enjoy myself," Greene said.

Stroman is 5-9 with a 3.18 ERA for Toronto, a team that hopes to build for the future with the likes of Vladimir Guerrero Jr. and Cavan Biggio. "I don't know if I'll be part of it," Stroman said. Some teams, such as the Indians, will see where the next few weeks take them. They've recently closed the gap on Minnesota in the AL Central, meaning Hand and his 23 saves and 2.17 ERA might not be so expendable. □



Italy's Elia Viviani celebrates as he crosses the finish line to win the fourth stage of the Tour de France cycling race over 214 kilometers (133 miles) with start in Reims and finish in Nancy, France, Tuesday, July 9, 2019.

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## Tour de France: Viviani storms bunch sprint to win Stage 4

By SAMUEL PETREQUIN

AP Sports Writer

**NANCY, France (AP)** — Elia Viviani had left the Giro d'Italia utterly disappointed.

Two months later, the Italian rider left bitterness and his sprinting rivals in his wake to claim his first career stage win in the Tour de France after storming a bunch sprint on Tuesday with an impressive display of power and speed.

The 30-year-old track specialist, arguably the fastest man in the peloton this season, had left his home race empty-handed in May under controversial circumstances.

Viviani, who has now posted stage wins at all three Grand Tours, was stripped of a victory in Italy after the race jury ruled he had irregularly changed his line and blocked an opponent in the sprint.

There was no such hiccup on the finish line in the eastern city of Nancy, and Viviani was clearly the best.

The 2016 omnium Olympic champion was ideally set up by the Deceuninck-Quick Step leadout train in the finale and made the most of the slight uphill finish to prevail. Viviani edged Alexander Kristoff and Caleb Ewan, claiming the fourth stage of the three-week race.

"It means a lot. Probably I can't believe it. It was a big goal of the year," said Viviani, who dedicated his win to his fiancée and parents.

The 213.5-kilometer (133-mile) flat route from Reims to Nancy did not pose any major difficulty and was a perfect opportunity for sprinters to get a stage win, a day after Viviani's teammate Julian Alaphilippe seized the yellow jersey with a solo effort.

"My father and mother were on the finish line today, they were set to leave yesterday but finally decided to stay because the stage was for sprinters," Viviani said.

Alaphilippe, the first Frenchman to wear yellow in five years, kept the overall lead,

with no change at the top of the overall standings. Both men hugged warmly after their team produced a second straight stage win.

"I just need to thank the team, they were really unbelievable," Viviani said. The Italian speedster might soon be racing without his favorite teammates, however, amid reports he might join Cofidis next season as the French outfit seeks to replace its top sprinter.

Viviani said he has yet to make up his mind and that his Tour campaign will determine his future.

After Alaphilippe led the Deceuninck-Quick Step train to the front, Max Richeze and Michael Morkov set a very fast tempo to launch Viviani's final acceleration. Kristoff opened up the sprint in the final stretch but could not hold off Viviani on the left side of the road.

Alaphilippe was cheered throughout the stage. After several dozen fans greeted him at his team hotel in the morning, supporters lining streets across the small villages of eastern France wildly cheered him on, shouting "Loulou, Loulou!" — the Frenchman's nickname.

Alaphilippe enjoyed a day free of pressure, well protected in the main pack by teammates, and then played a role in the final sprint to launch Viviani's final effort. Defending champion Geraint Thomas and other main contenders enjoyed a calm day too, just making sure they rode at the front to avoid crashes or splits. Thomas and his Ineos teammate Egan Bernal remained seventh and sixth, respectively, in the overall standings.

"The team has been amazing. I haven't had to do anything, just follow the wheels, and everyone has done their job perfectly. It's been ideal," Thomas said.

Under bright sunshine in Reims, three riders attacked from the off. □



In this Tuesday, March 12, 2019 file photo, Buffalo Sabres forward Alexander Nylander (92) skates during the third period of an NHL hockey game against the Dallas Stars in Buffalo N.Y.

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## Blackhawks acquire F Alex Nylander in trade with Sabres

By JAY COHEN

AP Sports Writer

**CHICAGO (AP)** — The Chicago Blackhawks are taking a chance on another underachieving young forward.

They hope it goes the same way it did last time. The Blackhawks traded promising defenseman Henri Jokiharju to Buffalo on Tuesday for Alex Nylander, who hasn't quite lived up to expectations since he was selected by the Sabres with the eighth overall pick in the 2016 draft.

"Buffalo, that kind of stuff, that's in the past. Obviously thought maybe I would be in the NHL sooner than I have been, but I'm just really excited, looking forward to being part of the Blackhawks organization," Nylander said.

"Really good with development players, so they actually know what they're doing."

The 21-year-old Nylander made his NHL debut with Buffalo in April 2017, but he had just three goals and three assists in 19 games with the Sabres. He has had some trouble with injuries and inconsistency.

Chicago missed the playoffs last season for the second straight year, but one of the bright spots was a trade for Dylan Strome in November. The

22-year-old Strome had struggled since he was drafted by Arizona with the No. 3 pick in 2015, but he broke out with the Blackhawks, collecting 17 goals and 34 assists in 58 games.

Nylander "is one of those players, there's not a lot of them that have the ability to create opportunities out of nothing," general manager Stan Bowman said.

"He can dance around the offensive zone with the puck and make those high-end plays, which are hard to do."

"Sometimes with players of that style, I think being able to do it all the time is something that takes a little bit of time to learn."

Nylander had two goals and two assists in 12 games with Buffalo last season. He also had 12 goals and 19 assists in 49 games with Rochester of the American Hockey League.

Nylander's father, Michael, played for the Blackhawks from 1999-2002.

Jokiharju, the No. 29 selection in the 2017 draft, made his NHL debut in October and finished with no goals and 12 assists in 38 games in his first season with the Blackhawks.

He also helped Finland win two international tournaments this year. □

## U.S. women's team boldly embraces off-the-field activist role

By DAVID CRARY  
AP National Writer

**NEW YORK (AP)** — Setting itself apart from other great American sports teams, the U.S. women's soccer team is embracing a front-line role in social justice causes even as it savors a fourth world championship.

The players are now world leaders in the push for gender equity in the workplace, having sued the U.S. Soccer Federation for equal pay and treatment vis-a-vis the men's national team. With a lesbian coach and several lesbian players, including World Cup MVP Megan Rapinoe, they're a proud symbol of LGBTQ inclusion. And they have stood firmly behind Rapinoe after she said she'd refuse to visit the White House if invited by President Donald Trump.

Far from being daunted by these off-the-field roles, the players seem to relish them.

"I feel like this team is in the midst of changing the world around us as we live, and it's just an incredible feeling," Rapinoe said after the team's 2-0 victory over the Netherlands in Sunday's title match in Lyon, France. The team won all seven of its matches, scoring 26 goals, allowing just three. Individual athletes — notably Muhammad Ali, more recently Colin Kaepernick — have risked their careers in the past by taking political stances.

Some teams in the NBA and WNBA wore warm-up outfits a few years ago protesting police brutality and supporting the Black Lives Matter movement. But it's difficult to think of another high-profile U.S. team sticking its neck out, in the run-up to its most important competition, the way the women's soccer team did by suing the USSF in March. The two sides have agreed to mediate the lawsuit now that the World Cup is over.

"These athletes generate more revenue and garner higher TV ratings but get paid less simply because they are women," said Molly Levinson, spokeswoman for the players in their lawsuit. "It is time for the federation to correct this once



United States' Megan Rapinoe, center, holds the trophy as she celebrates with teammates after they defeated the Netherlands 2-0 in the Women's World Cup final soccer match at the Stade de Lyon in Decines, outside Lyon, France, Sunday, July 7, 2019.

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and for all."

Debra Katz, a Washington attorney who specializes in sexual harassment cases, said the U.S. team had earned global support for the causes it is embracing. "Their message is, 'You're not going to divide us. We're united for nondiscriminatory treatment for all of us.'"

The victory in Lyon, coupled with the drive for equal pay, will further entrench the U.S. team as a symbol for female athletes elsewhere. Indeed, Title IX, the 1972 federal legislation that required equal sporting opportunities for girls and women, has benefited not only the top U.S. players but also many World Cup players from other countries who honed their skills on U.S. college teams.

For LGBTQ Americans — many of them frustrated by the lack of openly gay players in major league baseball, the NFL, NBA and NHL — the women's soccer team has been a source of pride and celebration. Two of its players, Ashlyn Harris and Ali Krieger, are engaged to each other. On hand as a spectator in Lyon

was Rapinoe's girlfriend, WNBA star Sue Bird.

"Science is science. Gays rule," Rapinoe tweeted on Sunday.

A spokeswoman for the largest U.S. LGBTQ-rights organization, Matilda Young of the Human Rights Campaign, said the impact of the team's inclusiveness would be profound.

"Young LGBTQ athletes, who all too frequently are made to feel unwelcome, have seen themselves reflected in these history-making champions," Young said. "Having Americans from every corner of our country embrace these women who are unabashedly proud of their country and of who they are sends a powerful message not only to LGBTQ people, but to sports fans around the world that we are here, we are queer, and we just won the World Cup — again."

Congratulations to the team came from a wide array of celebrities and politicians, including Trump and many of the Democratic presidential candidates hoping to defeat him. One of them, New York Mayor Bill de Blasio, swiftly arranged for the team to have a victory parade Wednesday through the Canyon of Heroes in Manhattan.

"Congrats to the record breakers on the @USWNT, an incredible team that's always pushing themselves\_and the rest of us\_to be even better," tweeted former President Barack Obama. U.S. Rep. Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez, the New York Democrat with a huge following on social media, tweeted "At this point we shouldn't even be asking for #EqualPay for the #USWMNT. We should demand they be paid at least twice as much."

On Monday, the top Democrats in Congress invited the team to the Capitol "to celebrate their inspiring victory," House Speaker Nancy Pelosi said.

At the National Women's Law Center in Washington, the U.S. team's victories and outspokenness were welcomed by a staff that has campaigned vigorous for equality in the workplace and on the playing field. "This team is so dominant because they work together — they lift each other up," said Sabrina Stevens, the center's senior manager of campaign and digital strategies.

"It resonates for so many of us — women especially — to work your heart out and be so good at what do, and still not get the pay or recognition you deserve," she said. "We're rooting for them because we're rooting for ourselves." □



## Dr. Carlos Viana

**Traditional Chinese Medical wisdom reminds us that something as small as the flutter of a butterfly's wing can ultimately cause a hurricane halfway around the world. The admonition is to remember the cascading effects on a person's health with just the smallest alteration to the body. For us Oriental Medical Doctors health is maintained by attaining a delicate balance of yin and yang energies.**

Blooming orchids sway in the early morning breeze in our clinic's consultation area located under the shade of a huge Ficus Benjamin. The waiting area is filled with women suffering from many different symptoms. A young female adolescent is here with her parents who are concerned that their daughter is showing signs of sexual maturation at age nine. I see swollen legs on another woman suffering from water retention while her waist and hips sag from the stored fat.

Women have come to our clinic because of sluggish blood circulation, debilitating migraine headaches; others are here because fibroids and endometriosis is making getting pregnant difficult. Others are here for looking for help with mood swings. Some slightly older women are here with open leg sores developed because their small arteries have clotted impairing their circulation. I recognize a woman who has had a slight stroke and wants our help to prevent another.

Today is another day of helping these women to get a control of their sex hormones. Most women in our Western cultures are estrogen dominant, but there are aspects that are worsening the situation. I never would want to take away a woman's right to take charge of her body to take steps to avoid unplanned pregnancies or reduce the symptoms of menopause. The ability of synthetic estrogen drugs to prevent unplanned pregnancies and reduce menopause symptoms might be reassuring to many women, but the side effects can be devastating.

Many women who use hormone drugs complain of severe abdominal pain that cannot be explained by food intake or stomach flu; severe or sudden chest pain or shortness of breath; unusual or suddenly severe headaches with dizziness or vomiting; eye problems that include blurred vision, flashing lights or blindness; severe leg pain or numbness in the calf or thigh. Other women will complain of nausea; skin changes; and weight change or fluid retention. Hormone replacement (HRT) for menopause, "The Pill", especially the latest "patch" that limit your cycle to only four periods a year contain large amounts of estrogen that will increase your risk of heart attacks, breast cancers, strokes and pulmonary embolism.

Worse of all for many women and men, birth control pills or the "patch" mask the ovarian function, floods your body with excessive estrogen that thickens your vaginal lining and chills up your G-spot and epicenter nerves due to insufficient testosterone and kills the secretion during sex of the orgasm hormone, Oxytocin, from the pituitary gland. You can be very wet but cannot get an orgasm.

Many young women who are using birth control pills to control their menstrual cycles, irregular bleeding, cysts, or endometriosis are headed to more problems. Birth control pills never correct the underlying dysfunction. It is essential to balance the adrenal glands in these situations, as cortisol levels modulate and control the female hormones, especially progesterone. Most of the menstrual problems, but certainly not all, are related to low progesterone levels in the last half of the cycle.

Oral contraceptives and HRT are synthetic hor-

## Butterfly Flutter

mones that the body is not designed to be exposed to. Long term use will invariably increase the user's risk of developing serious chronic illness. It is important to remember that synthetic hormone drugs can deplete your body of B-complex vitamins, folic acid, vitamin C, magnesium and zinc.

The use of birth control pills is a major risk factor for developing yeast overgrowth because it promotes estrogen dominance. Because birth control pills give a woman's hormonal system a continual stream of estrogen, an imbalance is created. The yeast, Candida albicans, generally makes its home in the digestive tract. But, in a modern society where common lifestyle choices for women include birth control pills, antibiotics, a highly refined bread and sugar diet, coupled with high stress levels, Candida overgrowth can have wide-ranging effects causing problems far beyond the common vaginal infection.

Symptoms ranging from migraines to infertility, endometriosis, psoriasis, PMS, depression, fibromyalgia, digestive disorders and many other seemingly unrelated health problems have been attributed to yeast overgrowth. Our clinical results show that treating yeast overgrowth with colon hydrotherapy and dietary changes often alleviates these symptoms. These symptoms can be so widespread that it is difficult for patients and most doctors to comprehend that this could be related to one underlying cause. Get the Point! In my professional opinion, birth control pills or hormone replacement for menopause have absolutely no therapeutic benefit that outweighs their huge risks. In our clinic we ask all of our patients to stop them at the end of their current cycle. I am sympathetic to couples who want to avoid unplanned pregnancies and women who want to lessen their hot flashes. I concede that synthetic estrogen drugs have provided an easy, but unsafe means to family planning and lessening menopause symptoms. There are numerous safe and effective ways to prevent unwanted pregnancies and lower the symptoms of menopause. A synthetic estrogen hormone pill might be a small flutter in your day that could be causing your medical hurricane. □

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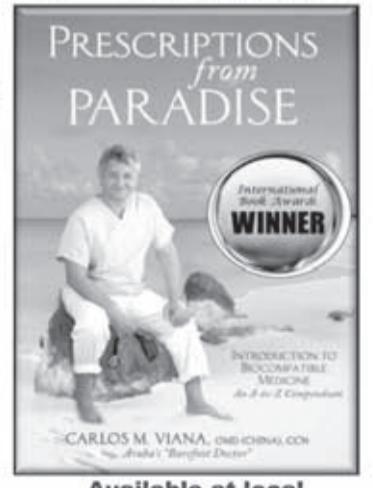
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## What to do when back to school bites you in the budget

By ALICE HOLBROOK

NerdWallet

**Associated Press**

It might seem like you've been saving for back to school since you packed your children's backpacks last fall. But after replacing worn-out erasers, outgrown clothes and an outdated laptop, you may still feel the financial pinch.

And then there are items for which you didn't budget. Maybe it's a budding interest in a travel sport, a fundraiser, or birthday cupcakes.

"Parents think they're going to get a bonus because day care is gone," says Court Creeden, a North Carolina-based financial adviser whose practice focuses on parents. "They quickly realize that all the expenses that come from school add up."

If the unexpected expenses are for the classroom, you might be tempted to say yes, even if they stress your bank balance. But if you can't afford it all — or the asks seem excessive — here's what to do.

### Prioritize expenses

When working with a limited budget, you'll have to choose what's worth the cash.

"Sometimes kids do things because their friends are



In this July 31, 2018 photo, "back to school" signage hangs in a store in Methuen, Mass.

**Associated Press**

doing it. Then that may not be as high a priority as if it's a requirement or related to college entrance examinations," says Samantha Gregory, who blogs about parenting and finances at Rich Single Momma. She paid for her daughter to attend aviation camp because she felt it would bolster college applications. If you want your child to build social skills, then activities with their friends may win out. The point is deciding what's important

to you, and then spending intentionally. Creeden asks his clients if "where they're spending their money is in line with the life they're trying to create with their family."

Setting limits upfront can also help. "I always had a rule that for every term (my kids) could only be involved in one activity," Gregory says. This helps head off ballooning extracurricular costs — and burnout.

### Seek alternative funding options

If you believe an expense is worthwhile, but don't think you can afford it, you might have other options.

Blogger Kumiko Love builds an emergency fund for last-minute school costs before the year starts. And when her son wanted to start wrestling, she planned meals around ingredients she already had and sold an unused couch to afford the equipment. "Having my son be involved in sports is important to me, so I gave up certain 'wants'

for the month to compensate," says Love, who writes at The Budget Mom.

Public school parents might find assistance with some school expenses through their Parent Teacher Association, says Heidi Emberling, director of Parents Place, a family resource center in the San Francisco Bay Area.

Or if you can't donate to a fundraiser or classroom event, volunteer instead.

"There are lots of ways to contribute, and money is only one of those ways," Emberling says.

### Use 'no' as a teaching moment

If you simply can't afford a school expense, etiquette and lifestyle expert Elaine Swann recommends an "on-your-own-terms no." That might mean offering an alternative, such as a sleepover in place of a pricey class overnight. When her kids were younger, Gregory would explain, "We're going to be doing this in a few months, so we're saving the money for that." And she suggests discussing your priorities with older kids and involving them in the decision. Sometimes "they end up telling themselves no, so I don't necessarily have to," she says. □

## Global shares mostly retreat ahead of Fed statement

By YURI KAGEYAMA

**Associated Press**

TOKYO (AP) — Global shares were mostly lower Tuesday in quiet trading as investors awaited signs of what might be ahead for U.S. interest rates.

France's CAC 40 lost 0.6% in early trading to 5,557.33, while Germany's DAX

slipped 1.1% to 12,403.66. Britain's FTSE 100 fell 0.4% to 7,523.11.

U.S. shares were set for a retreat, with Dow futures dipping 0.4% to 26,685. S&P 500 futures lost nearly 0.5% to 2,965.20.

Shares fell on Wall Street overnight amid growing speculation an unexpect-

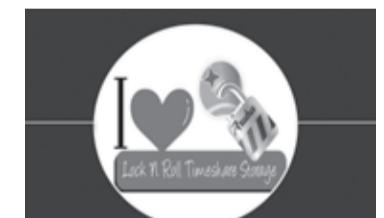
edly strong pickup in U.S. employment growth last month may lead the Federal Reserve to hold back on aggressively cutting its benchmark interest rate. Many investors still expect a cut of a quarter percentage point, but fewer are now expecting a half-point reduction.

The market rallied through

much of June after the Fed signaled that it's prepared to cut interest rates to offset slowing global growth and the fallout from U.S. trade conflicts.

Investors will be listening closely for any hints on the central bank's interest rate policy on Wednesday and Thursday, when Fed Chair Jerome Powell delivers the

Fed's semi-annual monetary report to Congress. □



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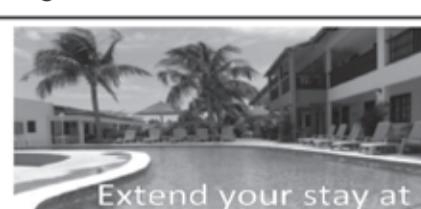
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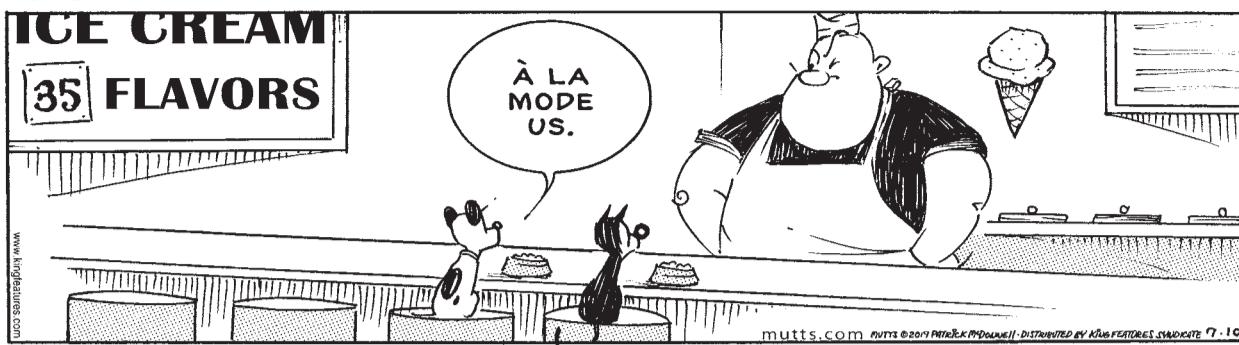
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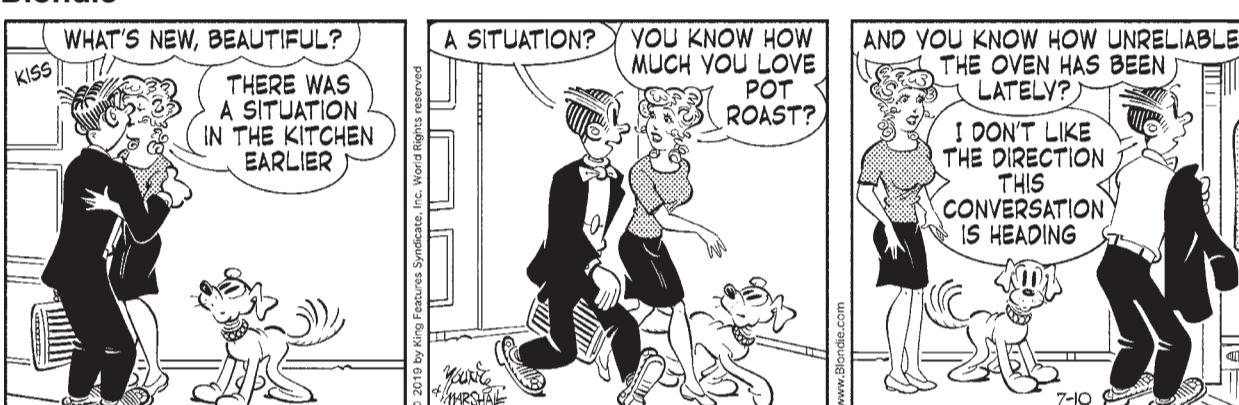
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Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Conceptis Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

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Yesterday's puzzle answer

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ACROSS

- 1 Colorful flower, for short
- 4 Undress
- 9 Tedious
- 13 fide; genuine
- 14 One of the Marx Brothers
- 15 New Zealand bird
- 16 -minded; willing to reconsider
- 17 Wedding followers
- 19 Sapphire or opal
- 20 Tempted
- 21 Dishwasher cycle
- 22 West Point newcomer
- 24 Winter month: abbr.
- 25 Beauty parlors
- 27 Sounds from a barn
- 30 Take in
- 31 Skirt fold
- 33 Capp & Capone
- 35 Rogers & Clark
- 36 Circus performer
- 37 Factual
- 38 Fury
- 39 Ruffians
- 40 Flat-bottomed boat
- 41 Fisher & Albert
- 43 Self-evident fact
- 44 One of Santa's aides
- 45 Chairs & stools
- 46 Tapped tree
- 49 Hauled
- 51 Overalls part
- 54 Horseback rider
- 56 Sushi choice
- 57 Pop's sister
- 58 Doesn't float
- 59 Prefix for enemy or bishop
- 60 Michigan or Ontario
- 61 Worship
- 62 Word of disgust

Created by Jacqueline E. Mathews

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Tuesday's Puzzle Solved

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- 10 Huge feline
- 11 Takes control of
- 12 Smart
- 13 Wet spongy ground
- 18 Characteristic
- 20 Church season
- 23 off; severs
- 24 Only surviving JFK sibling
- 25 New Delhi dress
- 26 Worship
- 27 Skinny
- 28 Pennsylvania's capital
- 29 Snail's cousins
- 31 Two \_ two is four
- 32 Journal
- 34 like; appear to be
- 36 Restaurant cook
- 37 Tight, as a rope
- 39 Mah-jongg pieces
- 40 Actor Garrett
- 42 Take out text
- 43 Very small
- 45 At \_ being risked
- 46 Lunch or dinner
- 48 Juvenile delinquent
- 49 Musketeers or Stooges
- 50 Pen output
- 52 Edge along
- 53 Word from Scrooge
- 55 Recipe amt.
- 56 Aristotle's "T"

# Police and residents rescue 6-foot snake from car engine

**Associated Press**

**EAST WINDSOR, Conn. (AP)**

— Police and bystanders teamed up to rescue a 6-foot-long (1.8-meter-long) snake that had wrapped itself around the engine block of a car in Connecticut.

East Windsor police say the reptile had to be removed from a resident's vehicle on Thursday.

Police wrote in Facebook post that it "was not exactly the call" they were expecting on the July Fourth holiday.

Later, they said: "This may surprise you but we, the police, are not normally in the business of wrangling snakes."

The reptile was put in a crate and will be turned over to a nature center. Police said the snake might have been a boa constrictor and speculated that it was an escaped pet.

They tried calling an animal control officer or another expert, but none were available because of the holiday. □



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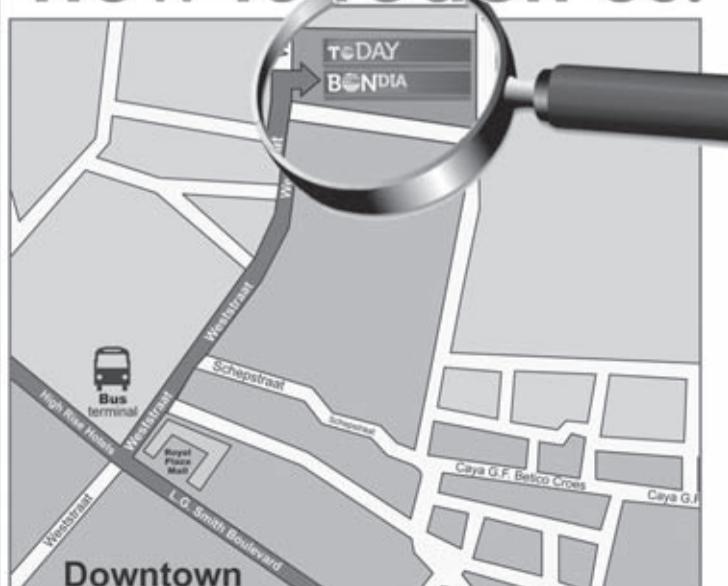
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## Under a microscope: Startups grow meat in lab, face scrutiny

By TERENCE CHEA

Associated Press

**EMERYVILLE, Calif. (AP)** —

Uma Valeti slices into a pan-fried chicken cutlet in the kitchen of his startup, Memphis Meats. He sniffs the tender morsel on his fork before taking a bite. He chews slowly, absorbing the taste.

"Our chicken is chicken ... you've got to taste it to believe it," Valeti says.

This is no ordinary piece of poultry.

No chicken was raised or slaughtered to harvest the meat.

It was produced in a laboratory by extracting cells from a chicken and feeding them in a nutrient broth until the cell culture grew into raw meat.

Memphis Meats, based in Emeryville, California, is one of a growing number of startups worldwide that are making cell-based or cultured meat.

They want to offer an alternative to traditional meat production that they say is damaging the environment and causing unnecessary harm to animals, but they are far from becoming mainstream and face pushback from livestock producers.

"You are ultimately going to continue the choice of eating meat for many generations to come without putting undue stress on the planet," said Valeti, a former cardiologist who co-founded Memphis Meats in 2015 after seeing the power of stem cells to treat disease.

The company, which also has produced cell-grown beef and duck, has attracted investments from food giants Cargill and Tyson Foods as well as billionaires Richard Branson and Bill Gates.

A report released in June by consulting firm A.T. Kear-

becoming a commercial reality because there are

cultured fish and seafood. It's produced cell-based

Safety. "It will be important for the public that this be well regulated," Hanson said. "Do these really solve the environmental problem? Do they really solve the animal welfare problem? That needs to be part of the review as well."

If cultured-meat companies use genetically modified cells, they would face even greater scrutiny from consumers and government regulators, Hanson said.

Cell-based meat companies also face resistance from U.S. livestock producers, who have been lobbying states to restrict the "meat" label to food products derived from slaughtered animals and have been raising questions about the safety, cost and environmental effect of cultured meat.

"There's still many, many unknowns about these cell-based products," said Eric Mittenthal, vice president for sustainability at the North American Meat Institute.

"We really don't know if it's something consumers will accept from a taste perspective. We don't know if it's going to be affordable." Uma Valeti at Memphis Meats said he wants to help educate people about the benefits of cell-based meats and eventually open up its production facility to show people how its meat is made.

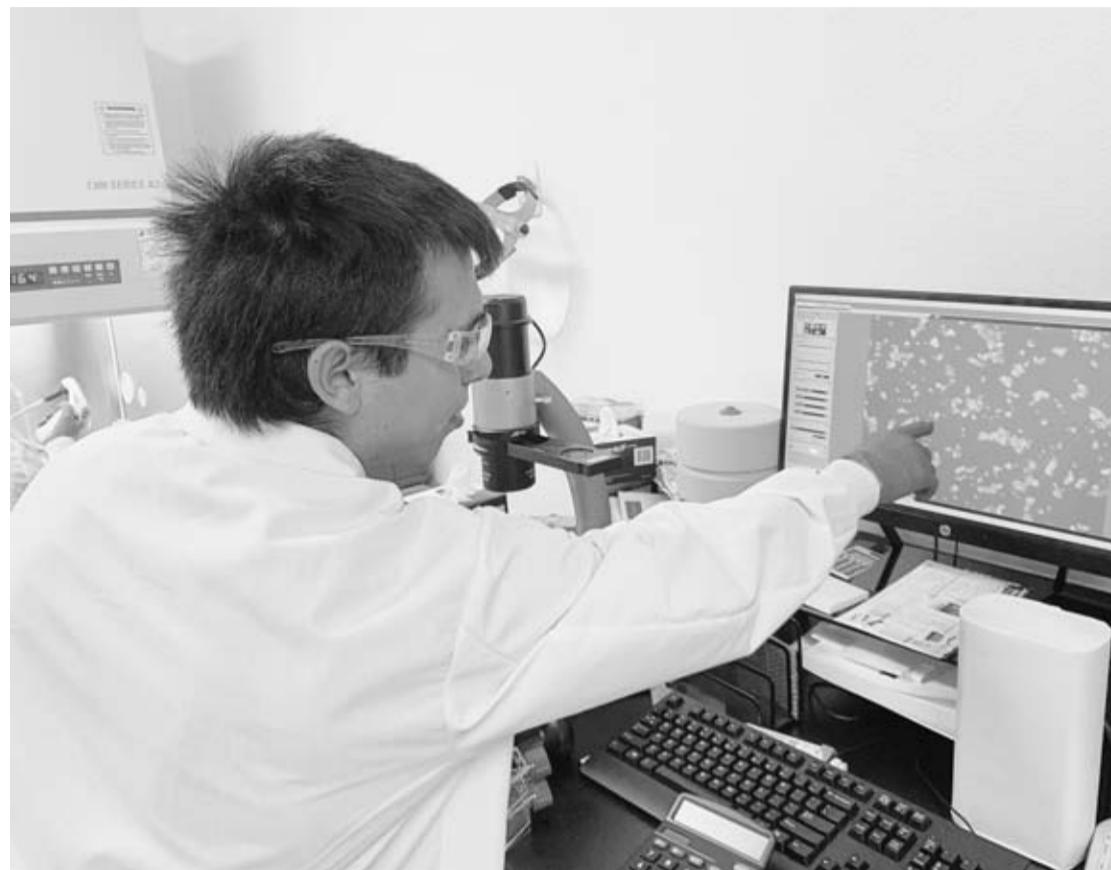
The company is focused on reducing the cost of cultured meat and producing larger quantities.

A plate of chicken that used to cost tens of thousands of dollars to produce can now be made for less than \$100, Valeti said.

Memphis Meats hopes to sell its cell-based meat within the next two years, starting with restaurants, then moving into grocery stores, assuming it passes USDA and FDA inspections.

"We're actually preserving the choice of eating meat for people," Valeti said.

"Instead of saying, 'Give up eating meat or eat a meat alternative,' we're saying continue eating the meat that you love." □



In this photo taken March 1, 2019, lab technician Ismael Montanez points to fish cells on screen in the laboratory of Finless Foods, a startup that's developing cell-based fish in Emeryville, Calif.

Associated Press

ney predicts that by 2040, cultured meat will make up 35 percent of meat consumed worldwide, while plant-based alternatives will compose 25 percent.

"The large-scale livestock industry is viewed by many as an unnecessary evil," the report says.

"With the advantages of novel vegan meat replacements and cultured meat over conventionally produced meat, it is only a matter of time before meat replacements capture a substantial market share."

But first cultured meat must overcome significant challenges, including bringing down the exorbitant cost of production, showing regulators it's safe and enticing consumers to take a bite.

"We're a long way off from

many hurdles we have to tackle," said Ricardo San Martin, research director of the alternative meat program at the University of California, Berkeley.

"We don't know if consumers are going to buy this or not."

As global demand for meat grows, supporters say cell-based protein is more sustainable than traditional meat because it doesn't require the land, water and crops needed to raise livestock — a major source of greenhouse gas emissions. Many consumers would love to eat meat that doesn't require killing animals, said Brian Spears, who founded a San Francisco startup called New Age Meats that served its cell-based pork sausages to curious foodies at a tasting last September.

"People want meat. They don't want slaughter," Spears said.

"So we make slaughter-free meat, and we know there's a massive market for people that want delicious meat that doesn't require animal slaughter."

Finless Foods, another startup in Emeryville, is making

versions of salmon, carp and sea bass, and it's working on bluefin tuna, a popular species that is overfished and contains high levels of mercury.

The company has invited guests to sample its cell-based fish cakes.

"The ocean is a very fragile ecosystem, and we are really driving it to the brink of collapse," CEO Michael Selden said.

"By moving human consumption of seafood out of the ocean and onto land and creating it in this cleaner way, we can basically do something that's better for everybody."

The emerging industry moved a step closer to market in March when the U.S. Department of Agriculture and the Food and Drug Administration announced plans to jointly oversee the production and labeling of cell-based meat.

Food-safety advocates will be watching to ensure the agencies provide rigorous oversight and protect people from bacterial contamination and other health threats, said Jaydee Hanson, policy director at the nonprofit Center for Food

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## Olafur Eliasson retrospective in London is a sensory feast

By JILL LAWLESS

Associated Press

**LONDON (AP)** — Visitors don't just view the new London exhibition devoted to Danish-Icelandic artist Olafur Eliasson. They also feel, smell and taste it. Eliasson creates large-scale works that draw on the elements and nature: wood, fire, light, water. More than 40 of his pieces feature in a huge retrospective opening this week at London's Tate Modern.

Visitors can get splashed by a 36-foot (11-meter) waterfall, touch a moss-covered wall, feel a misty rainbow, cast colorful shadows, walk through a mirrored kaleidoscope and inch blindly down a tunnel filled with multicolored fog. Starting later this month, visitors can help construct a giant city out of Lego in Tate's vast Turbine Hall.

For Eliasson, art is interactive. He wants visitors to "get a sense that the show is really there because (they) looked at it, and not the other way around."

"When you look at that rainbow, is it in fact you consuming the colors, or is it you producing the colors?" he said Tuesday.

The 52-year-old artist has always loved the challenge of using unexpected and intangible materials in his



Olafur Eliasson poses at the installation 'Your Spiral View' as part of the exhibition Olafur Eliasson: 'In real life' at the Tate Modern Gallery in London, Tuesday, July 9, 2019.

art.

"How do I touch what is normally considered untouchable, like the air? How do I take something that I don't understand — data, glaciers — and make it tangible?"

Eliasson's fascination with nature gives his work a powerful ecological message that has grown more urgent with time.

In the past, he has tried to make climate change visceral by bringing chunks of Greenland glacier to melt

in public spaces in streets of London, Paris and Copenhagen. The Tate show includes a series of photos of Icelandic glaciers taken in 1999. Eliasson plans to go back this summer and photograph them again, and the two sets will be hung side by side to illustrate how human-driven climate change is altering the landscape.

"When I was a child, I spent a lot of time in Iceland, in nature, and I thought culture is over here — human-

kind, human activities — and nature is out there. It's a wilderness, it's something untouched," Eliasson told The Associated Press.

Now he says he realizes "there is nothing that has not been touched" by human activity.

"Not even the atmosphere, not even the air that we breathe, is just to be taken for granted as something natural. It's a cultural product. It's a product of our society."

Climate change has also

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become a focus for Britain's Tate, a group of galleries which — like other major art institutions — has been targeted by protesters for taking funding from oil companies and other corporations accused of doing social harm.

Tate is now making efforts to go green, and has held meetings gathering together artists and environmental activists. All the works on display in the Eliasson exhibition were transported to London by sea and land — no airplanes were used.

"We're all learning, and we (in the art world) have to learn very quickly," said Emma Lewis, one of the exhibition's curators.

In Eliasson's view, there is a natural overlap between art and activism. The Tate exhibition ends with a room showcasing work he has done that goes beyond art into architecture, design — he co-designed a solar lamp that has been distributed in its thousands — and even food. One of the Tate cafes is serving organic, vegetarian food modelled on that served to staff in Eliasson's Berlin studio. The exhibition, which opens Thursday and runs to Jan. 5, is titled "Olafur Eliasson: In Real Life." As the artist sees it, art and life are one and the same. □

## Don Was leads Detroit revue celebrating Motown milestone

By JEFF KAROUR

Associated Press

**DETROIT (AP)** — Don Was has performed with or produced many musical legends, including Bob Dylan, Mavis Staples, the Rolling Stones and Ringo Starr. But the Detroit-raised sonic craftsman feels like an apprentice again when it comes to diving into the musicianship of the "Motown Sound."

The bassist, Grammy-winning producer and president of the Blue Note jazz label is particularly enthralled with the bass-playing of late Motown "Funk Brother" James Jamerson as Was prepares for his next big gig: the 12th Don Was Detroit All-Star Revue. The concert on July 13 at



In a Feb. 8, 2010 file photo, Ringo Starr, left, embraces fellow musician Don Was during a ceremony to award Starr the 2,401st star on the Hollywood Walk of Fame in Los Angeles.

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the Detroit Institute of Arts aims to celebrate the record company founded in Detroit 60 years ago and includes classic Motown artists Martha Reeves, Carolyn Crawford and the Velvelettes.

"As time goes by, I appreciate those records more and more, and as I get deeper into the nuances of playing bass, James Jamerson blows me away more than ever now," Was said by phone from his Southern California office. "I started writing out the charts for what we're doing, and he's an absolute genius. There was no one who ever played that way before." Helping to capture some of that Motown house band magic is another of

the Funk Brothers, guitarist Dennis Coffey, and Was is bringing along members of his own genre-embracing, born-in-Detroit band, Was (Not Was). The revue that's part of the 27th annual Concert of Colors — a free, multi-day festival showcasing Detroit's musical and ethnic diversity — often features Motown songs. But Was says he likes "the unified musical theme running through" the revue and the way the musicians are approaching and interpreting the classics. He's not giving away the setlist but promises well-known, grooving tunes from the era. So one might experience figurative if not literal "Dancing in the Street" when Reeves takes the stage. □

## A lovely, bittersweet family story in 'The Farewell'

By LINDSEY BAHR  
Associated Press

The premise behind writer and director Lulu Wang's wonderful film "The Farewell" might be a little hard to accept for some audiences. A family collectively decides not to tell their grandmother that she has been diagnosed with lung cancer and has only three months to live. But wanting a chance to say goodbye, they arrange an elaborate

ruse — a wedding — to get everyone together one last time. Far-fetched? For Americans it is. But as we learn in the first frame, the film is "Based on an actual lie." Yes, Wang has mined her own family's wild true story to create a film that, despite its hyper-specific premise and setting, is a universally relatable and heart-rending portrait of how looming death affects a family. It's not emotion-



This image released by A24 shows Awkwafina, center, in a scene from "The Farewell."

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ally manipulative or even necessarily a tear-jerker, although it's not a bad idea to bring along tissues. "The Farewell" is a stoic and honest representation of a flawed and lovely family coming to terms with the inevitable. Awkwafina plays the stand-in for Wang. Her character, Billi, is a 31-year-old New Yorker whose financial and career instability is starting to become more than just a temporary state of youth. She's having trouble paying the rent, her parents are reaching the point where they don't really want to help anymore, and she's just been rejected for a fellowship she was counting on. She's rudderless and drifting. Then her

parents inform her that her beloved grandmother Nai Nai (Shuzhen Zhao, who will win your heart in an instant) is dying in China. They're not going to tell Nai Nai, and instead are going to China under the pretense of her cousin getting married, even though he's only been dating his girlfriend for a few months. Billi, who has been raised in the United States since she was 6, is appalled they'd even think of keeping the diagnosis from Nai Nai. Her mother Jian (Diana Lin) flatly explains, "There's a saying in China: When you get cancer, you die." Part of what kills you, she believes, is the fear. Later, someone asks what the point would

be in ruining Nai Nai's good mood with the truth. You might even find yourself buying into the idea at points. Maybe this is a more empathetic way.

And so a plane ride later, everyone is together at Nai Nai's, cooking, eating, quarreling and planning this very real fake wedding. Her sons both left China and have lived most of their adult lives elsewhere — Haiyan (Tzi Ma), Billi's father, in America, and the other in Japan. This family reunion is a long time coming. They haven't all been together in 25 years, and it's as comforting, fraught and melancholy as a reunion should be.

Awkwafina, who made a name for herself with larger-than-life comedic performances, is quiet, understated and heartbreaking as Billi, who is grappling with the idea of impermanence while her own life stands still. She has maintained a sweet and close relationship with Nai Nai despite their physical distance. She's also the most outwardly sentimental of the bunch, so much so that her parents don't even want her to come to China to say goodbye. □

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## 'Snowfall' cast remembers John Singleton at season premiere

By MICHAEL LENNOX

Associated Press

LOS ANGELES (AP) —

"Snowfall" co-executive producer and co-creator John Singleton was in the hearts and minds of cast members who gathered Monday on the red carpet for the premiere of the third season of the FX crime drama.

Singleton, 51, died in late April following a stroke while the new season was still in production. Actress Angela Lewis said Singleton was a constant presence on the set, helping pick the cast and crew, and offering advice. She called him "the heart of the show." Star Damson Idris, who portrays drug dealer Franklin Saint, said Singleton left the series in great shape and



Damson Idris, star of the FX series "Snowfall," poses at the third season premiere of the show, Monday, July 8, 2019, in Los Angeles.

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revolves around the first crack epidemic in Los Angeles.

"Snowfall" was Singleton's "baby," said actor Isaiah John. "He always said that this story has never been told. And he wanted to be the one to tell that story." □

## Book 'Wild and Crazy Guys' stars '80s film funnymen

By DOUGLASS K. DANIEL

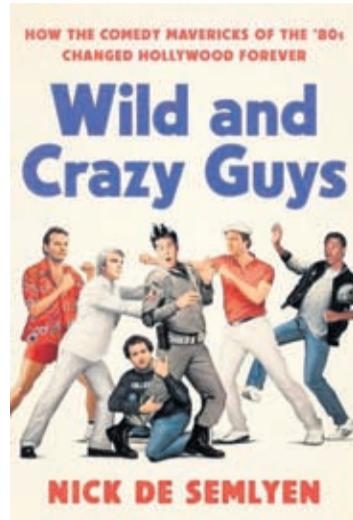
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"Wild and Crazy Guys: How the Comedy Mavericks of the '80s Changed Hollywood Forever" (Crown Archetype), by Nick de Semlyen

Our favorite funnymen of the 1980s reached glorious heights and managed to endure the decade despite some appallingly unfunny lows. Sharing "SNL" in their DNA, most of them worked together in front of the camera at some point and, behind the scenes, commiserated at times over the vagaries of show business.

Offering colorful film back-stories and insightful portraits of Bill Murray, Steve Martin, Eddie Murphy, Chevy Chase, John Goodman and Dan Aykroyd, author Nick de Semlyen's "Wild and Crazy Guys" explores the nature of stardom itself — the struggle to be noticed and the even greater struggle to stay noticed. Interestingly, their careers often followed similar trajectories.

One common challenge was surviving all that fame



This cover image released by Random House shows "Wild and Crazy Guys," by Nick de Semlyen.

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and fortune. Belushi, the "Animal House" and "Blues Brothers" star, couldn't handle the high of success, morphing from comedic wunderkind to cautionary tale when he died of a drug overdose at 33. Others who dabbled in drugs and alcohol managed to avoid his fate — the late John Goodman's self-destruction was more about food and drink — but they still faced personal and professional stumbling blocks.

Chase's were less a matter

of too much too soon than finding the good material and avoiding the bad. The first star spawned by "Saturday Night Live," the mother ship of post-Watergate American comedy, Chase enjoyed comparisons to Cary Grant with his star turn in "Foul Play." Then came "Oh Heavenly Dog" and several other box-office canines. Fortunately, "Caddyshack" and "National Lampoon's Vacation" put Chase's best qualities front and center again and led to "Fletch" and "Spies Like Us." De Semlyen's solid reporting and interviewing show how hard work helps but isn't always enough. Aykroyd comes off as the worker bee, taking leading and supporting roles while constantly dreaming up ideas for movies. His script laying the groundwork for "Ghostbusters" had started out as another vehicle for his friend and co-star Belushi. That megahit, which followed "Trading Places" with Murphy, led to years of reliable comedy work plus an occasional dramatic role, including his Oscar-nominated support in "Driving Miss Daisy."

For all their wildness and craziness, being taken seriously for a change was a must. Murray and Martin may have tried a little too soon to suit their fans. Buffeted by the intense fandom that came with "Ghostbusters" and the personal disappointment generated by his critically rejected dramatic turn in "The Razor's Edge," Murray practically went into hiding for a few years to figure things out. Martin could relate to the hunger for drama. "The Jerk" was a solid starring debut, but he put off audiences and critics with the oddball musical "Pennies from Heaven" — Fred Astaire hated it — then appeared in a half-dozen comedies that were mildly amusing at best. He mixed laughs with romance for "Roxanne" and laughs with drama for "L.A. Story" before transitioning into family-friendly comedies, a reliable venue for graying mavericks.

If anyone could do no wrong, it seemed to be Murphy. Barely out of his

teens when he first appeared on "SNL," he started off big with "48 Hrs." and "Trading Places" and soon blew down the doors with "Beverly Hills Cop." He was the golden child of '80s comedy until "The Golden Child," but then the blockbuster "Coming to America" made everything right again. Murphy didn't risk ruining himself with drugs, preferring women as his not-so-guilty pleasure. And, like Martin and the others, he stayed in the game by playing dads and other middle-age characters. A flaw in de Semlyen's enjoyable book is its bent toward fact over analysis. His answer to the question posed by its subtitle — a couple of paragraphs about legacies, rule-breaking and commercial success — feels perfunctory. Looking back three decades, it's hard to remember when Murray, Martin, Murphy and Aykroyd weren't part of the American scene. De Semlyen's welcome flashback reminds us why their very names still bring a smile to our faces. □

## Research, restoration begins on Rembrandt's 'Night Watch'

By ALEKSANDAR FURTULA

Associated Press

AMSTERDAM (AP) — Researchers and restorers at Amsterdam's Rijksmuseum launched a months-long project Monday, using high-tech imaging technology to throw new light on Rembrandt van Rijn's iconic "Night Watch."

Working in a specially designed glass chamber, researchers at the museum are undertaking a painstaking examination and restoration of the huge portrait of a 17th-century civil militia.

Art lovers around the world can follow the project online.

"This is the first time that we can actually make a full body scan and that we can discover which pigments he used not only through making little samples but with scanning the entire surface," said the

museum's general director, Taco Dibbits.

"We don't know much about how Rembrandt made this painting. And now we hope to discover more and really get a glimpse into the kitchen of the artist," he added.

The 1642 painting last underwent significant restoration 40 years ago after it was slashed by a knife-wielding man and is starting to show blanching in parts of the canvas.

The painting has undergone many retouches and restorations in the past and some of the later additions are starting to fade.

Before the latest restoration can begin, experts will photograph and scan the painting to evaluate its condition.

They will build up a detailed digital picture by merging 12,000 separate images as well as using X-ray technol-

ogy to peer through the surface.

On Monday, a macro X-ray fluorescence scanner began taking a series of images, said Petria Noble, Head of Paintings Conservation at the Rijksmuseum.

"Each type of technique will give us some information that we then need to put together and interpret all the information together and what that means for the painting," Noble said.

More than 2 million people each year visit the Rijksmuseum, which has the world's largest collection of Rembrandt works. The Golden Age master is known for his innovative use of light and rebellious compositions.

The restoration project comes in a year that marks the 350th anniversary of the artist's death in 1669 and is part of a "Year of Rembrandt" at the museum. □



Technicians and researchers check equipment set up inside a glass chamber as they begin to study Rembrandt's 'Night Watch' masterpiece, at the Rijksmuseum in Amsterdam, Monday July 8, 2019.

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## On tiny Linosa, it's easy to adopt island's relaxed rhythms

By FRANCES D'EMILIO

Associated Press

### LINOSA ISLAND, Italy (AP)

— There are no hotels, but islanders open up their simple, gaily painted homes to those seeking relaxed rhythms.

No banks either, but there's not a lot money can buy here. The sole souvenir shop has a few knickknacks. Costs are modest for meals made from local ingredients — lentils, eggplant, peppers perhaps, plus the catch of the day from the emerald-hued, pristine waters surrounding tiny Linosa island.

But stunning natural beauty is free and abundant on this verdant paradise that rises up in the form of an extinct volcano from the Mediterranean seabed.

Of the many splendid small Italian islands that dot the Mediterranean waters near Sicily, only Linosa had eluded me, vacation after vacation, perhaps because it takes some determination to get here. Unlike some other islands, like Pantelleria, where Italian VIPs keep summer homes, or Lampedusa, known for lively nightlife, there are no flights from the Italian peninsula, no airport.

To enjoy Linosa's charms, either you take a long ride by ferry, or, if waters are calm, an infrequent hydrofoil from the nondescript Sicilian port town of Porto Empedocle. Or you make a shorter sea journey from Lampedusa, the only other inhabited island in the Pelagie Archipelago, closer to northern Africa than to Sicily.

This year, in the waning weeks of summer, I came,



In this photo taken on Sunday, Sept. 9, 2018 a woman swims in a cove of pristine water surrounded by volcanic rock formations on the island of Linosa, some 167 km (103.5 miles) south of Sicily, southern Italy.

accounting by my mere presence for about 5 percent of sojourners those days on Linosa. We swam or snorkeled in coves cradled by dramatically dark, jagged lava rocks, climbed volcanic craters and watched sunsets near the black-sand beach where caretta caretta loggerhead turtles waddle ashore each year to lay their eggs. On any given day during "high" season in July and August, there are at most about 50 holiday-goers who spend a few days or so. In September, there were some 20 of us, several of us solitary travelers. With the exception of a French couple and myself, all were Italians.

Those numbers compare to a year-round resident population of about 300 Linosani, as the locals call themselves. In the sole town, tidy streets are lined with houses in hues of fi-

ery ochre trimmed with orange, robin-blue highlight by white, or sea green with doors framed in red.

In early morning — afternoon temperatures in one of Italy's hottest places can climb into the 90s in Fahrenheit (in the low to mid 30s in Celsius) and feel like 115 or higher — Linosani come out to sweep the tiled sidewalks and water potted plants, including hibiscus that grow as tall as trees. With the cool of the evening, Linosani emerge again, parking kitchen chairs outside homes to chat with neighbors. After a couple of strolls in the few streets, visitors can befriend much of Linosa's population.

"After a few days, you become islanders, too," said Alberto Ramirez, who runs one of the two B&Bs on the island and whose family has lived here for six generations.

Linosa's only "night spot" is a wine bar, which, on a late summer Saturday night, closed up shop before midnight.

Ramirez recalled a couple who lodged by him recently telling him, "'Linosa's not for us, it's too tranquil.'"

"Here you come to relax, go to the sea, maybe have an 'aperitivo' in the evening," Ramirez said. "There's no disco."

On maps, Linosa resembles a roundish speck in the sea.

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One can stroll around the entire island, whose coastal perimeter measures 11 kilometers (under 7 miles), in a few hours.

Only residents can bring cars on the island during summer, but motor scooters and motorized bikes can be rented by the day. The electric "bici" are a big hit as well with Linosani, whose cars are easily recognizable because the salty sea air corrodes the paint.

Come nightfall in late summer or early fall, on the northerly side of the island you can hear the cries of thousands in a fascinating feathered colony of greater shearwater birds. The bird is known as berta maggiore in Italian. A large group of them fly up and over the Mediterranean from Libya and Algeria,

their cheek pouches full of fish for young chicks which have hatched in crannies left by lava rocks near the seaside.

After Linosa's first modern settlement was established, in 1845, with 30 hardy souls, the islanders would eat the birds' eggs, rich in protein. Now the birds' evening rituals help feed the island's economic mainstay, tourism.

Giovanni Grana passionately shares with a handful of tourists on his plain wooden motorboat the details he's learned about shearwater habits from his nightly observations. He makes the facts of bird life sound like poetry.

"My aim is to make the tourists fall in love with the island," said Grana.

For a reasonable fee (about 25 euros, or \$29), he takes visitors out to sea just before sunset to witness an amazing spectacle.

Like commuters crowding their route home, the shearwaters skim the sea in ever increasing numbers to form "clans" that then link together in what the Linosani call "rafts," creating a sort of a highway of birds stretching to what seems to be the horizon to await darkness before making landfall to check on their chicks.

This fascinating nightly ritual is missed by day-trippers who come for a quick-look-tour, a dip in the sea and lunch at port before catching the late afternoon hydrofoil back to their hotels on Lampedusa, some 50 kilometers (31 miles) away. □



In this photo taken on Monday, Sept. 10, 2018, a resident walks along a main street in the town of Linosa, on the island of Linosa, some 167 km (103.5 miles) south of Sicily, southern Italy.

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In this photo taken on Tuesday, Sept. 11, 2018, a cat sits on a flower pot, bottom right, along painted steps in the town of Linosa, on the island of Linosa, some 167 km (103.5 miles) south of Sicily, southern Italy.

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